



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6741

LCO No. 4486



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) Not later than January 1,
2 2024, the Department of Public Health shall develop a marketing
3 campaign and make monthly public service announcements on its
4 Internet web site and social media accounts and any radio station and
5 television station broadcasting to persons in the state, regarding
6 mistreatment of health care providers and encouraging public civility in
7 health care settings.

8 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) There is established a hospital
9 security grant program which shall be administered by the Office of
10 Policy and Management. Grants shall be made to hospitals for securing
11 hospital entrances and public spaces or for other measures to ensure the
12 safety of hospital health care providers, hospital staff and patients. The
13 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall adopt
14 regulations in accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes for the
15 administration of the grant program under this section, including the

16 establishment of priorities, program categories, eligibility requirements,
17 funding limitations and the application process.

18 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) Each hospital may establish
19 policies and procedures related to health care provider, staff and patient
20 safety that govern when the hospital may require a patient receiving
21 nonemergency health care to leave the hospital if, due to the patient's
22 behavior or conduct while in the hospital, allowing the patient to remain
23 in the hospital to receive such nonemergency health care would threaten
24 the safety of a health care provider, staff member or another patient at
25 the hospital.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the safety of health care providers, hospital staff and patients in the state.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]