



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 826**

January Session, 2025

Substitute Senate Bill No. 1537

*Senate, May 5, 2025*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through SEN. OSTEN of the 19th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP TO STUDY NONALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-29a of the general statutes is  
2 amended by adding subdivision (118) as follows (*Effective from passage*):

3 (NEW) (118) The Governor shall proclaim April nineteenth of each  
4 year as Connecticut Liver Health Day to raise awareness of issues  
5 surrounding liver health, including, but not limited to, metabolic  
6 dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease and metabolic  
7 dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis. Suitable exercises may be held in  
8 the State Capitol and elsewhere as the Governor designates for the  
9 observance of the day.

10 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health shall  
11 develop a plan to provide mobile transient elastography for liver  
12 fibrosis in high-risk communities in the state. Not later than January 1,



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**OFA Fiscal Note****State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which implements select recommendations from the working group studying fatty liver disease, results in no fiscal impact. There is no fiscal impact from an annual Connecticut Liver Health Day and the Commissioner of Public Health has sufficient expertise to develop a plan and annually report on it.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1537*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP TO STUDY NONALCOHOLIC FATTY LIVER DISEASE.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the governor to proclaim each April 19 as Connecticut Liver Health Day to raise awareness of liver health issues, including metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease (MASLD) and metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis (MASH) (see BACKGROUND). Under the bill, suitable activities may be held in the State Capitol and elsewhere as the governor designates.

The bill also requires the public health commissioner to develop a plan to provide mobile transient elastography for liver fibrosis in the state's high-risk communities. (Fibrosis is the build-up of scar tissue, which may be caused by MASLD or MASH, among other factors; transient elastography is a non-invasive way to measure liver stiffness.) Starting by January 1, 2026, the commissioner must annually report on the plan to the Public Health Committee.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**BACKGROUND*****MASLD and MASH***

MASLD is a condition in which fat builds up in the liver (among people with low alcohol use). MASH is the advanced stage of MASLD. In some cases, MASH can lead to cirrhosis (advanced scarring), which can progress to liver failure.

MASH was formerly called nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). MASLD was formerly called nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD).

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference - APP

Yea 31 Nay 0 (03/27/2025)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 54 Nay 0 (04/24/2025)