



General Assembly

January Session, 2025

Substitute Bill No. 1537



**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. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The Commissioner of Public
11 Health shall establish and administer a program to promote liver health
12 in the state and increase public awareness of and education regarding
13 metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease and metabolic
14 dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis. As part of said program, the
15 commissioner shall:

16 (1) Design, plan and implement a multiyear state-wide public
17 awareness and educational campaign;

18 (2) Establish and continuously update an Internet web site connected
19 with such public awareness and educational campaign that shall
20 include, but need not be limited to, (A) educational materials (i)
21 regarding the causes and symptoms of metabolic dysfunction-
22 associated steatotic liver disease and metabolic dysfunction-associated
23 steatohepatitis, (ii) identifying high-risk populations for the
24 development of metabolic dysfunction-associated steatotic liver disease,
25 metabolic dysfunction-associated steatohepatitis and other liver
26 diseases, and (iii) describing effective screening, treatment and disease
27 management methods for persons living with metabolic dysfunction-
28 associated steatotic liver disease and metabolic dysfunction-associated
29 steatohepatitis, and (B) information regarding how and where persons
30 may receive screening and treatment for metabolic dysfunction-
31 associated steatotic liver disease, metabolic dysfunction-associated
32 steatohepatitis and other liver diseases; and

33 (3) Conduct targeted outreach regarding liver health to primary care
34 providers, including, but not limited to, pediatricians, community
35 health workers, teachers, school nurses and cafeteria vendors and
36 middle and high school students.

37 (b) Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the
38 commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions
39 of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee
40 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public
41 health regarding the program.

42 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public Health shall
43 develop a plan to provide mobile transient elastography for liver
44 fibrosis in high-risk communities in the state. Not later than January 1,
45 2026, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report,
46 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
47 to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having
48 cognizance of matters relating to public health regarding such plan.

49 Sec. 4. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Public

50 Health shall develop and implement a 5-2-1-0 Let's Go! campaign. Such
51 campaign shall promote (1) the consumption of five or more fruits and
52 vegetables per day, (2) two hours or less of screen time per day, (3) one
53 hour or more of physical activity per day, and (4) the consumption of
54 zero sugary drinks per day. Not later than January 1, 2026, and annually
55 thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report, in accordance with
56 the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint
57 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
58 matters relating to public health regarding such campaign.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-29a(a)(118)
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 2(a)(1), "Provide for the design, plan and implementation of" was changed to "Design, plan and implement" for grammar.

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