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Raised Bill No. 445
LCO No. 2296



Referred to Committee on **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT VICTIMS.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2006) (a) As used in this
- 2 section:
- 3 (1) "Emergency contraception" means one or more prescription
- 4 drugs used separately or in combination to be administered or self-
- 5 administered by a patient to prevent pregnancy, within a medically
- 6 recommended amount of time after sexual intercourse and dispensed
- 7 for that purpose, in accordance with professional standards of practice,
- 8 and determined to be safe by the United States Food and Drug
- 9 Administration.
- 10 (2) "Emergency treatment" means any medical examination or
- 11 treatment provided in a licensed health care facility to a victim of
- 12 sexual assault following an alleged sexual assault.
- 13 (3) "Medically and factually accurate and objective" means verified
- 14 or supported by the weight of research conducted in compliance with

15 accepted scientific methods and published in peer-reviewed journals,
16 where applicable.

17 (4) "Victim of sexual assault" means any female person who alleges
18 or is alleged to have suffered an injury as a result of a sexual offense.

19 (5) "Sexual offense" means a violation of subsection (a) of section
20 53a-70 of the general statutes, section 53a-70a or 53a-70b of the general
21 statutes, subdivisions (1) to (7), inclusive, (9) or (10) of subsection (a) of
22 section 53a-71 of the general statutes, section 53a-72a or 53a-72b of the
23 general statutes, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-86 of
24 the general statutes, subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of section 53a-87
25 of the general statutes or section 53a-90a, 53a-196a or 53a-196b of the
26 general statutes.

27 (b) Each licensed health care facility that provides emergency
28 treatment to victims of sexual assault shall:

29 (1) Provide each victim of sexual assault with medically and
30 factually accurate and objective information relating to emergency
31 contraception;

32 (2) Inform such victim of sexual assault of the availability of
33 emergency contraception, its use and efficacy; and

34 (3) Dispense emergency contraception to such victim of sexual
35 assault upon the request of such victim.

36 (c) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
37 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the
38 provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2006	New section

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Statement of Purpose:

To require licensed health care facilities to provide emergency contraception to victims of sexual assault upon the request of such victims.

[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.]