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**"AN ACT CONCERNING STATE LAW PROTECTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS AND PATIENTS RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF A LEGALLY PROTECTED HEALTH CARE ACTIVITY."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Section 52-571m of the 2026 supplement to the general  
4 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
5 (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

6 (a) As used in this section:

7 (1) "Reproductive health care services" includes all supplies, care and  
8 services of a medical, behavioral health, mental health, surgical,  
9 psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic, preventative, rehabilitative or  
10 supportive nature, including counseling or referral services relating to  
11 the human reproductive system, including, but not limited to, services  
12 relating to pregnancy, pregnancy loss, assisted reproduction,  
13 contraception or the termination of a pregnancy;

14 (2) "Gender-affirming health care services" means all supplies, care  
15 and services of a medical, behavioral health, mental health, surgical,  
16 psychiatric, therapeutic, diagnostic, preventative, rehabilitative or  
17 supportive nature, including medication relating to the treatment of  
18 gender dysphoria and gender incongruence. "Gender-affirming health  
19 care services" does not include "conversion therapy" as defined in  
20 section 19a-907; [and]

21 (3) "Person" includes an individual, a partnership, an association, a  
22 limited liability company or a corporation; and

23 (4) "Legally protected health care activity" means: (A) The receipt or  
24 attempted receipt by any person of reproductive health care services or  
25 gender-affirming health care services that are permitted under and  
26 provided in accordance with the laws of this state; (B) the provision,  
27 attempted provision or insurance coverage of reproductive health care  
28 services or gender-affirming health care services that are permitted  
29 under and provided in accordance with the laws of this state and  
30 provided in accordance with the applicable standard of care by a health  
31 care provider licensed under the laws of this state and who is physically  
32 present in this state, regardless of whether the patient is located in this  
33 state; and (C) any act or omission undertaken to aid or encourage, or  
34 attempt to aid or encourage, any person in the receipt or attempted  
35 receipt of reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health  
36 care services as permitted under and provided in accordance with the  
37 laws of this state.

38 (b) When any person has had a foreign judgment entered against  
39 such person, in any other state, in any court of the United States or any  
40 other jurisdiction based upon the laws of any state, where liability, in  
41 whole or in part, is based on the alleged provision, receipt, assistance in  
42 receipt or provision, material support for, or any theory of vicarious,  
43 joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom, for [reproductive  
44 health care services or gender-affirming health care services that are  
45 permitted under the laws of this state] any legally protected health care  
46 activity, such person may recover damages from any party that brought

47 the action leading to that judgment or has sought to enforce that  
48 judgment. Recoverable damages shall include: (1) Just damages created  
49 by the action that led to that judgment, including, but not limited to,  
50 money damages in the amount of the judgment in that other state and  
51 costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees spent in defending the  
52 action that resulted in the entry of a judgment in another state; and (2)  
53 costs, expenses and reasonable attorney's fees incurred in bringing an  
54 action under this section as may be allowed by the court.

55 (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to a judgment  
56 entered in another state that is based on: (1) An action founded in tort,  
57 contract or statute, and for which a similar claim would exist under the  
58 laws of this state, brought by the patient who received the reproductive  
59 health care services or gender-affirming health care services upon which  
60 the original lawsuit was based or the patient's authorized legal  
61 representative, for damages suffered by the patient or damages derived  
62 from an individual's loss of consortium of the patient; (2) an action  
63 founded in contract, and for which a similar claim would exist under  
64 the laws of this state, brought or sought to be enforced by a party with  
65 a contractual relationship with the person that is the subject of the  
66 judgment entered in another state; or (3) an action where no part of the  
67 acts that formed the basis for liability occurred in this state.

68 (d) The term "legally protected health care activity" shall not be  
69 construed to impact or alter (1) the standard of care required for medical  
70 professionals under the laws of this state, or (2) contractual rights of  
71 parties to a contract under the laws of this state.

72 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) Notwithstanding any  
73 provision of the laws of this state relating to conflict of law and except  
74 as required by federal law, the laws of this state shall govern in any case  
75 or controversy heard in the state related to legally protected health care  
76 activity as defined in section 52-571m of the general statutes, as  
77 amended by this act.

78 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) (a) Except as required by

79 federal law, evidence relating to the involvement of an individual  
80 regarding any legally protected health care activity, as defined in section  
81 52-571m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, may not be  
82 offered as evidence that such individual has engaged in wrongdoing,  
83 whether civil, criminal, professional or otherwise, if the evidence is  
84 based on or related to the fact that the individual who received services  
85 constituting such legally protected health care activity was not  
86 physically present in the state when such individual received such  
87 services. Nothing in this section shall prevent a party from offering such  
88 evidence in any action relating to the provisions of subsection (d) of  
89 section 52-571m of the general statutes, as amended by this act, provided  
90 the person against whom the evidence is offered is a party to the case or  
91 the evidence is offered in a civil, criminal or administrative action  
92 brought by an authorized agency of this state against a health care  
93 provider or health care facility pursuant to the laws of this state.  
94 Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any other applicable  
95 privilege, right or confidentiality protection as may apply.

96 (b) When any person that is subject to a subpoena relating to the  
97 alleged provision, receipt, assistance in receipt or provision, material  
98 support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy  
99 liability derived therefrom, for any legally protected health care activity,  
100 as defined in section 52-571m of the general statutes, as amended by this  
101 act, in addition to any other reason, theory or argument, such person  
102 may move to modify or quash such subpoena pursuant to the rules of  
103 court. Nothing in this section shall prevent compliance with a subpoena  
104 if the subpoena is issued in a civil, criminal or administrative action  
105 brought by an authorized agency of this state against a health care  
106 provider or health care facility pursuant to the laws of this state.  
107 Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect any other applicable  
108 privilege, right or confidentiality protection as may apply.

109 Sec. 4. Section 52-146w of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
110 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
111 *October 1, 2026*):

112 (a) Except as provided in sections 52-146d to 52-146k, inclusive,  
113 sections 52-146o, 52-146p, 52-146q and 52-146s and subsection (b) of this  
114 section, in any civil action or any proceeding preliminary thereto or in  
115 any probate, legislative or administrative proceeding, no covered entity  
116 or business associate, as defined in 45 CFR 160.103, shall, in response to  
117 a subpoena, disclose (1) any communication made to such covered  
118 entity or business associate, or any information obtained by such  
119 covered entity or business associate from, a patient or the conservator,  
120 guardian or other authorized legal representative of a patient relating to  
121 [reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care  
122 services] any legally protected health care activity, as defined in section  
123 52-571m, as amended by this act, [that are permitted under the laws of  
124 this state, or] (2) any information obtained by personal examination of a  
125 patient relating to [such services, that are permitted under the laws of  
126 this state,] a legally protected health care activity, or (3) any protected  
127 health information relating to a legally protected health care activity that  
128 is in the designated record set, as defined in 45 CFR 164.501, for such  
129 patient unless the patient or that patient's conservator, guardian or other  
130 authorized legal representative explicitly consents in writing to such  
131 disclosure. A covered entity shall inform the patient or the patient's  
132 conservator, guardian or other authorized legal representative of the  
133 patient's right to withhold such written consent. A covered entity or  
134 business associate that receives a subpoena for patient information  
135 related to [reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health  
136 care services] any legally protected health care activity subject to the  
137 provisions of this section that does not fall under any exemption in  
138 subsection (b) of this section and is not accompanied by the written  
139 consent of the patient or the conservator, guardian or other authorized  
140 legal representative of the patient shall provide a copy of the subpoena  
141 to the office of the Attorney General not later than seven days after the  
142 date of receipt of the subpoena. The office of the Attorney General shall  
143 post notice of the methods by which a covered entity and business  
144 associate may send the copy of the subpoena.

145 (b) Written consent of the patient or the patient's conservator,

146 guardian or other authorized legal representative shall not be required  
147 for the disclosure of such communication or information (1) pursuant to  
148 the laws of this state or the rules of court prescribed by the Judicial  
149 Branch, (2) by a covered entity or business associate against whom a  
150 claim has been made, or there is a reasonable belief will be made, in such  
151 action or proceeding, to the covered entity's or business associate's  
152 attorney or professional liability insurer or such insurer's agent for use  
153 in the defense of such action or proceeding, (3) to the Commissioner of  
154 Public Health for records of a patient of a covered entity in connection  
155 with (A) an investigation of a complaint, if such records are related to  
156 the complaint, or (B) an investigation, inspection or survey of an  
157 institution, as defined in section 19a-490, or (4) if child abuse, abuse of  
158 an elderly individual, abuse of an individual who is physically disabled  
159 or incompetent or abuse of an individual with intellectual disability in  
160 violation of the laws of this state is known or in good faith suspected.

161 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to impede the lawful  
162 disclosure or sharing of medical records as permitted by state or federal  
163 law or the rules of [the] court prescribed by the Judicial Branch, except  
164 in the case of a subpoena commanding the production, copying or  
165 inspection of medical records relating to [reproductive health care  
166 services or gender-affirming health care services] any legally protected  
167 health care activity, as defined in section 52-571m, as amended by this  
168 act.

169 Sec. 5. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 54-82i of the 2026 supplement  
170 to the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in  
171 lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

172 (a) The following words, when used in this section, have the meaning  
173 specified, unless the context otherwise indicates: "Witness" means a  
174 person whose testimony is desired in any proceeding or investigation  
175 by a grand jury or in a criminal action, prosecution or proceeding; "state"  
176 includes any territory of the United States and the District of Columbia;  
177 [, and] "summons" means a subpoena, order or other notice requiring  
178 the appearance of a witness; and "legally protected health care activity"

179 has the same meaning as provided in section 52-571m, as amended by  
180 this act.

181 (b) If a judge of a court of record in any state which by its laws has  
182 made provision for commanding persons within that state to attend and  
183 testify in this state certifies, under the seal of such court, that there is a  
184 criminal prosecution pending in such court, or that a grand jury  
185 investigation has commenced or is about to commence, that a person  
186 being within this state is a material witness in such prosecution or grand  
187 jury investigation and that the presence of such witness will be required  
188 for a specified number of days, upon presentation of such certificate to  
189 any judge of a court of record in the judicial district in which such  
190 person is, such judge shall fix a time and place for a hearing and shall  
191 make an order directing the witness to appear at such time and place for  
192 such hearing. If, at such hearing, the judge determines that the witness  
193 is material and necessary, that it will not cause undue hardship to the  
194 witness to be compelled to attend and testify in the prosecution or a  
195 grand jury investigation in the other state and that the laws of such other  
196 state and the laws of any other state through which the witness may be  
197 required to pass by ordinary course of travel will give to such witness  
198 protection from arrest and from the service of civil or criminal process,  
199 the judge shall issue a summons, with a copy of the certificate attached,  
200 directing the witness to attend and testify in the court where the  
201 prosecution is pending, or where a grand jury investigation has  
202 commenced or is about to commence at a time and place specified in the  
203 summons, except that no judge shall issue a summons in a case where  
204 prosecution is pending, or where a grand jury investigation has  
205 commenced or is about to commence for a criminal violation of a law of  
206 such other state involving the provision or receipt of or assistance with  
207 [reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care  
208 services, as defined in section 52-571m, that are legal] any legally  
209 protected health care activity in this state, unless the acts forming the  
210 basis of the prosecution or investigation would also constitute an  
211 offense in this state. At any such hearing, the certificate shall be prima  
212 facie evidence of all the facts stated therein. If such certificate

213 recommends that the witness be taken into immediate custody and  
214 delivered to an officer of the requesting state to assure the attendance of  
215 the witness in such state, such judge may, in lieu of notification of the  
216 hearing, direct that such witness be forthwith brought before such judge  
217 for such hearing, and, being satisfied, at such hearing, of the desirability  
218 of such custody and delivery, of which desirability such certificate shall  
219 be prima facie proof, may, in lieu of issuing a subpoena or summons,  
220 order that such witness be forthwith taken into custody and delivered  
221 to an officer of the requesting state. If such witness, after being paid or  
222 tendered by an authorized person the same amount per mile as  
223 provided for state employees pursuant to section 5-141c for each mile  
224 by the ordinary traveled route to and from the court where the  
225 prosecution is pending and five dollars each day that such witness is  
226 required to travel and attend as a witness, fails, without good cause, to  
227 attend and testify as directed in the summons, the witness shall be  
228 punished in the manner provided for the punishment of any witness  
229 who disobeys a summons issued from a court of record in this state.

230 Sec. 6. Section 52-155a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
231 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
232 *October 1, 2026*):

233 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 52-155 and 52-657, a  
234 judge, justice of the peace, notary public or commissioner of the  
235 Superior Court shall not issue a subpoena requested by a commissioner,  
236 appointed according to the laws or usages of any other state or  
237 government, or by any court of the United States or of any other state or  
238 government, when such subpoena relates to [reproductive health care  
239 services or gender-affirming health care services] a legally protected  
240 health care activity, as defined in section 52-571m, as amended by this  
241 act, [that are permitted under the laws of this state,] unless the subpoena  
242 relates to: (1) An out-of-state action founded in tort, contract or statute,  
243 for which a similar claim would exist under the laws of this state,  
244 brought by a patient or the patient's authorized legal representative, for  
245 damages suffered by the patient or damages derived from an

246 individual's loss of consortium of the patient; or (2) an out-of-state  
247 action founded in contract, and for which a similar claim would exist  
248 under the laws of this state, brought or sought to be enforced by a party  
249 with a contractual relationship with the person that is the subject of the  
250 subpoena requested by a commissioner appointed according to the laws  
251 or usages of another state.

252 Sec. 7. Section 54-155a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
253 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
254 *October 1, 2026*):

255 No public agency, as defined in section 1-200, or employee,  
256 appointee, officer or official or any other person acting on behalf of a  
257 public agency may provide any information or expend or use time,  
258 money, facilities, property, equipment, personnel or other resources in  
259 furtherance of any interstate investigation or proceeding seeking to  
260 impose civil or criminal liability upon a person or entity for (1) the  
261 provision, seeking or receipt of or inquiring about [reproductive health  
262 care services or gender-affirming health care services, as defined in  
263 section 52-571m, that are legal in this state] any legally protected health  
264 care activity as defined in section 52-571m, as amended by this act, or  
265 (2) assisting any person or entity providing, seeking, receiving or  
266 responding to an inquiry about [reproductive health care services or  
267 gender-affirming health care services, as defined in section 52-571m,  
268 that are legal in this state] any legally protected health care activity as  
269 defined in section 52-571m, as amended by this act. This section shall  
270 not apply to any investigation or proceeding where the conduct subject  
271 to potential liability under the investigation or proceeding would be  
272 subject to liability under the laws of this state if committed in this state.

273 Sec. 8. Section 54-162 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
274 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

275 (a) The Governor [of this state] may also surrender, on demand of the  
276 executive authority of any other state, any person found in this state  
277 who is charged in such other state in the manner provided in section 54-

278 159 with committing an act in this state, or in a third state, intentionally  
279 resulting in a crime in the state whose executive authority is making the  
280 demand, and the provisions of this chapter not otherwise inconsistent  
281 shall apply to such cases, even though the accused was not in that state  
282 at the time of the commission of the crime and has not fled therefrom,  
283 provided the acts for which extradition is sought would be punishable  
284 by the laws of this state, if the consequences claimed to have resulted  
285 from those acts in the demanding state had taken effect in this state.

286 (b) Except as required by federal law, the Governor shall not  
287 surrender a person charged in another state as a result of engaging in  
288 any legally protected health care activity, as defined in section 52-571m,  
289 as amended by this act, unless the executive authority of the demanding  
290 state alleges in writing that the accused was physically present in the  
291 demanding state at the time of the commission of the alleged offense  
292 and that thereafter the accused fled from the demanding state.

293 Sec. 9. Section 19a-17d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
294 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

295 If a health care professional who is currently licensed or was  
296 previously licensed in another state or jurisdiction is subject to  
297 automatic reciprocal discipline for a disciplinary action in such state or  
298 jurisdiction, such automatic reciprocal discipline shall be automatically  
299 rescinded and shall not be entered into the licensing record of the health  
300 care professional if the discipline was based solely on the [termination  
301 of pregnancy under conditions that would not violate the general  
302 statutes or the regulations of Connecticut state agencies] alleged  
303 provision of, receipt of, assistance in provision or receipt of, material  
304 support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy  
305 liability derived therefrom, any legally protected health care activity, as  
306 defined in section 52-571m, as amended by this act. The provisions of  
307 this section shall not preclude or affect the ability of an agency or board  
308 of the state to seek or impose any discipline pursuant to the general  
309 statutes against a health care professional licensed by the state.

310 Sec. 10. Subsection (c) of section 20-633l of the general statutes is  
311 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October*  
312 *1, 2026*):

313 (c) A pharmacist who is, or has been, licensed in another state or  
314 jurisdiction shall not be subject to automatic reciprocal discipline in this  
315 state for any disciplinary action taken in such other state or jurisdiction,  
316 provided such disciplinary action was based solely on the [termination  
317 of a pregnancy under conditions which would not violate the laws of  
318 this state] alleged provision of, receipt of, assistance in provision or  
319 receipt of, material support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several  
320 or conspiracy liability derived therefrom, any legally protected health  
321 care activity, as defined in section 52-571m, as amended by this act.

322 Sec. 11. Section 19a-17e of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
323 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
324 *October 1, 2026*):

325 (a) As used in this section, ["reproductive health care services" and  
326 "gender-affirming health care services" have] "legally protected health  
327 care activity" has the same [meanings] meaning as provided in section  
328 52-571m, as amended by this act.

329 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of section 19a-  
330 14, the Department of Public Health shall not deny the eligibility of an  
331 applicant for a (1) permit, (2) license by examination, endorsement or  
332 reciprocity, or (3) reinstatement of a license (A) voided pursuant to the  
333 provisions of subsection (f) of section 19a-88, (B) voluntarily  
334 surrendered, or (C) by agreement, not renewed or reinstated pursuant  
335 to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 19a-17 based on pending  
336 disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint, [or] the imposition of  
337 disciplinary action or other adverse action against the applicant by a  
338 duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, the  
339 District of Columbia, [or] a commonwealth, territory or possession of  
340 the United States or any federal entity that is based solely on the alleged  
341 provision of, receipt of, assistance in provision or receipt of, material

342 support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy  
343 liability derived therefrom, [reproductive health care services or  
344 gender-affirming health care services that are permitted under the laws  
345 of this state and were provided in accordance with the standard of care  
346 applicable to such services , regardless of whether the patient receiving  
347 such services was a resident of this state] any legally protected health  
348 care activity. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply where the  
349 underlying conduct of the applicant would constitute the basis of  
350 disciplinary action against the applicant under the laws of this state if  
351 the applicant had been licensed or permitted in this state and the  
352 conduct had occurred in this state.

353 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 19a-17, a board or  
354 commission established under title 20 that has jurisdiction over persons  
355 licensed, certified or registered under said title who provide  
356 [reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care  
357 services] any legally protected health care activity, and the Department  
358 of Public Health, with respect to professions under the department's  
359 jurisdiction that are not subject to discipline by such a board or  
360 commission, shall not impose disciplinary action against a licensed,  
361 certified or registered person based on pending disciplinary action or  
362 other adverse action, an unresolved complaint or the imposition of  
363 disciplinary action against such persons before or by a duly authorized  
364 professional disciplinary agency of another state, the District of  
365 Columbia, [or] a commonwealth, territory or possession of the United  
366 States or any federal entity that is based solely on the alleged provision  
367 of, receipt of, assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for,  
368 or any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived  
369 therefrom, [reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health  
370 care services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were  
371 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such  
372 services, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was a  
373 resident of this state] any legally protected health care activity. The  
374 provisions of this subsection shall not apply where the underlying  
375 conduct of the licensed, certified or registered person would constitute

376 the basis of disciplinary action against such person under the laws of  
377 this state if the conduct had occurred in this state.

378 Sec. 12. Section 19a-567 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
379 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
380 *October 1, 2026*):

381 (a) As used in this section, (1) "credentialing" means the process of  
382 assessing and validating the qualifications of a health care provider  
383 applying to be approved to provide treatment, care or services in or for  
384 an institution, (2) "health care provider" means a person licensed  
385 pursuant to title 20 who provides reproductive health care services or  
386 gender-affirming health care services, (3) "institution" has the same  
387 meaning as provided in section 19a-490, (4) "privileging" means the  
388 process of authorizing a health care provider to provide specific  
389 treatment, care or services at an institution, and (5) ["reproductive health  
390 care services" and "gender-affirming health care services" have] "legally  
391 protected health care activity" has the same [meanings] meaning as  
392 provided in section 52-571m, as amended by this act.

393 (b) An institution shall not revoke, suspend, reprimand, penalize,  
394 refuse to issue or renew credentials or privileges or take any other  
395 adverse action against a health care provider with respect to  
396 credentialing or privileging based solely on the alleged provision of,  
397 receipt of, assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or  
398 any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived  
399 therefrom, [reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health  
400 care services that (1) are permitted under the laws of this state, (2) were  
401 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such  
402 services, and (3) were] any legally protected health care activity  
403 provided by the health care provider [(A)] (1) before the date on which  
404 the health care provider entered an employment relationship with the  
405 institution, or [(B)] (2) outside the scope of the health care provider's  
406 employment with the institution, [, regardless of whether the patient  
407 receiving such services was a resident of this state.]

408 (c) An institution shall not revoke, suspend, reprimand, penalize,  
409 refuse to issue or renew credentials or privileges or take any other  
410 adverse action against a health care provider based on pending  
411 disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint, [or] the imposition of  
412 disciplinary action or other adverse action against the applicant by a  
413 duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, the  
414 District of Columbia, [or] a commonwealth, territory or possession of  
415 the United States or any federal entity that is based solely on the alleged  
416 provision of, receipt of, assistance in provision or receipt of, material  
417 support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy  
418 liability derived therefrom, [reproductive health care services or  
419 gender-affirming health care services that (1) are permitted under the  
420 laws of this state, (2) were provided in accordance with the standard of  
421 care applicable to such services, and (3) were] any legally protected  
422 health care activity provided by the health care provider [(A)] (1) before  
423 the date on which the health care provider entered an employment  
424 relationship with the institution, or [(B)] (2) outside the scope of the  
425 health care provider's employment with the institution. [, regardless of  
426 whether the patient receiving such services was a resident of this state.]

427 (d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to prevent an  
428 institution from taking any of the actions described in subsections (b)  
429 and (c) of this section against a health care provider for conduct that (1)  
430 does not conform to the standards of care for the provider's profession,  
431 (2) is illegal under the laws of this state, or (3) violates policies or rules  
432 of the institution that define the scope of services provided by the  
433 institution if (A) such conduct occurs within the scope of the health care  
434 provider's employment with, or delivery of care at, the institution, and  
435 (B) the institution's enforcement of such policies or rules is not otherwise  
436 prohibited by law or regulation.

437 Sec. 13. Section 20-579a of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
438 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
439 *October 1, 2026*):

440 (a) As used in this section, ["reproductive health care services" and

441 "gender-affirming health care services" have] "legally protected health  
442 care activity" has the same [meanings] meaning as provided in section  
443 52-571m, as amended by this act.

444 (b) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner  
445 of Consumer Protection and the Commission of Pharmacy shall not  
446 deny the eligibility of an applicant for a license, permit or registration  
447 under this chapter based on pending disciplinary action, an unresolved  
448 complaint, [or] the imposition of disciplinary action or other adverse  
449 action against the applicant by a duly authorized professional  
450 disciplinary agency of another state, the District of Columbia, [or] a  
451 commonwealth, territory or possession of the United States or any  
452 federal entity that is based solely on the alleged provision of, receipt of,  
453 assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory  
454 of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom,  
455 [reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care  
456 services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were  
457 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such  
458 services, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was a  
459 resident of this state] any legally protected health care activity. The  
460 provisions of this subsection shall not apply where the underlying  
461 conduct of the applicant would constitute the basis of disciplinary action  
462 against the applicant under the laws of this state if the applicant had  
463 been licensed, permitted or registered in this state and the conduct had  
464 occurred in this state.

465 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, the Commissioner  
466 of Consumer Protection and the Commission of Pharmacy shall not  
467 impose disciplinary action against any person licensed, permitted or  
468 registered pursuant to the provisions of this chapter based on pending  
469 disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint, [or] the imposition of  
470 disciplinary action or other adverse action against the applicant by a  
471 duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, the  
472 District of Columbia, [or] a commonwealth, territory or possession of  
473 the United States or any federal entity that is based solely on the alleged

474 provision of, receipt of, assistance in provision or receipt of, material  
475 support for, or any theory of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy  
476 liability derived therefrom, [reproductive health care services or  
477 gender-affirming health care services that are permitted under the laws  
478 of this state and were provided in accordance with the standard of care  
479 applicable to such services, regardless of whether the patient receiving  
480 such services was a resident of this state] any legally protected health  
481 care activity. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply where the  
482 underlying conduct of the person licensed, permitted or registered  
483 would constitute the basis of disciplinary action against such person  
484 under the laws of this state if such person had been licensed, permitted  
485 or registered in this state and the conduct had occurred in this state.

486 Sec. 14. Section 38a-835 of the 2026 supplement to the general statutes  
487 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
488 *October 1, 2026*):

489 (a) As used in this section, (1) "health care provider" means a person  
490 licensed pursuant to title 20 who provides [reproductive health care  
491 services or gender-affirming health care services] any legally protected  
492 health care activity, (2) "insurer" means an insurer that insures a health  
493 care provider against professional liability, and (3) ["reproductive health  
494 care services" and "gender-affirming health care services" have] legally  
495 protected health care activity has the same [meanings] meaning as  
496 provided in section 52-571m, as amended by this act.

497 (b) An insurer shall not take any adverse action, including, but not  
498 limited to, denial or revocation of coverage, sanctions, fines, penalties or  
499 rate increases against a health care provider, if such action is based  
500 solely on:

501 (1) Such health care provider's alleged provision of, receipt of,  
502 assistance in provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory  
503 of vicarious, joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom,  
504 [reproductive health care services or gender-affirming health care  
505 services that are permitted under the laws of this state and were

506 provided in accordance with the standard of care applicable to such  
507 services, regardless of whether the patient receiving such services was a  
508 resident of this state] any legally protected health care activity; or

509 (2) Pending disciplinary action, an unresolved complaint or the  
510 imposition of disciplinary action or other adverse action against such  
511 health care provider by a duly authorized professional disciplinary  
512 agency of another state, the District of Columbia, or a commonwealth,  
513 territory or possession of the United States or any federal entity that is  
514 based solely on the alleged provision of, receipt of, assistance in  
515 provision or receipt of, material support for, or any theory of vicarious,  
516 joint, several or conspiracy liability derived therefrom, [reproductive  
517 health care services or gender-affirming health care services that are  
518 permitted under the laws of this state and were provided in accordance  
519 with the standard of care applicable to such services, regardless of  
520 whether the patient receiving such services was a resident of this state]  
521 any legally protected health care activity.

522 Sec. 15. Section 54-240 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
523 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

524 As used in this chapter:

525 (1) "Address confidentiality program" or "program" means the  
526 program established pursuant to this chapter;

527 (2) "Agency" has the same meaning as "public agency" or "agency", as  
528 provided in section 1-200;

529 (3) "Application assistant" means a person authorized by the  
530 Secretary of the State to assist applicants in the completion of  
531 applications for program participation;

532 (4) "Authorized personnel" means an employee in the office of the  
533 Secretary of the State who has been designated by the Secretary of the  
534 State, or an employee of an agency who has been designated by the chief  
535 executive officer of such agency, to process and have access to records

536 pertaining to a program participant, including, but not limited to, voter  
537 registration applications, voting records and marriage records;

538 (5) "Certification card" means a card issued by the Secretary of the  
539 State pursuant to section 54-240d;

540 (6) "Confidential address" means a program participant's address or  
541 addresses as listed on such participant's application for program  
542 participation that are not to be disclosed, including such participant's  
543 residential address in this state and work and school addresses in this  
544 state, if any;

545 (7) "Family violence" has the same meaning as provided in section  
546 46b-38a;

547 (8) "Injury or risk of injury to a child" means any act or conduct that  
548 constitutes a violation of section 53-21;

549 (9) "Kidnapping" means any act that constitutes a violation of section  
550 53a-92, 53a-92a, 53a-94 or 53a-94a;

551 (10) "Law enforcement agency" means the office of the Attorney  
552 General, the office of the Chief State's Attorney, the Division of State  
553 Police within the Department of Emergency Services and Public  
554 Protection or any municipal police department;

555 (11) "Marriage records" means an application for a marriage license,  
556 an issued marriage license, a license certificate or other documents  
557 related thereto;

558 (12) "Program address" means the post office box number and  
559 fictitious street address assigned to a program participant by the  
560 Secretary of the State;

561 (13) "Program participant" or "participant" means any person  
562 certified by the Secretary of the State to participate in the address  
563 confidentiality program;

564 (14) "Record" has the same meaning as "public records or files" as  
565 provided in section 1-200;

566 (15) "Sexual assault" means any act that constitutes a violation of  
567 section 53a-70b of the general statutes, revision of 1958, revised to  
568 January 1, 2019, or section 53a-70, 53a-70a, 53a-71, 53a-72a, 53a-72b or  
569 53a-73a;

570 (16) "Stalking" means any act that constitutes a violation of section  
571 53a-181c, 53a-181d or 53a-181e; [and]

572 (17) "Trafficking in persons" means any act that constitutes a violation  
573 of section 53a-192a; and

574 (18) "Legally protected health care activity" has the same meaning as  
575 provided in section 52-571m, as amended by this act.

576 Sec. 16. Section 54-240a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
577 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

578 (a) There shall be an address confidentiality program established in  
579 the office of the Secretary of the State to provide a substitute mailing  
580 address for any person who wishes to keep such person's residential  
581 address confidential because of safety concerns and (1) has been a victim  
582 of (A) family violence, (B) injury or risk of injury to a child, (C)  
583 kidnapping, (D) sexual assault, (E) stalking, (F) trafficking in persons, or  
584 (G) child abuse or neglect, where such abuse or neglect was  
585 substantiated by the Department of Children and Families and was the  
586 basis for the issuance of a restraining order under section 46b-15 or civil  
587 protection order under section 46b-16a, [or] (2) a termination of parental  
588 rights was granted pursuant to section 45a-717 or 46b-129, or (3) such  
589 person engaged in the provision, facilitation or promotion of a legally  
590 protected health care activity.

591 (b) The Secretary of the State shall adopt regulations, in accordance  
592 with the provisions of chapter 54, to carry out the provisions of this  
593 chapter. Such regulations may include, but need not be limited to,

594 provisions for applications for participation in the address  
595 confidentiality program, certification of program participants,  
596 certification cancellation, agency use of program addresses, forwarding  
597 of program participants' mail, voting by program participants and  
598 recording of vital statistics for program participants.

599 Sec. 17. Section 54-240b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
600 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

601 (a) An adult person, a guardian or conservator of the person acting  
602 on behalf of an adult person, or a parent or guardian acting on behalf of  
603 a minor may apply to the Secretary of the State for participation in the  
604 address confidentiality program because of safety concerns and to have  
605 the Secretary of the State designate a program address to serve as the  
606 address of the adult person or of the minor because (1) the adult person  
607 or the minor has been a victim of (A) family violence, (B) injury or risk  
608 of injury to a child, (C) kidnapping, (D) sexual assault, (E) stalking, (F)  
609 trafficking in persons, or (G) child abuse or neglect, where such abuse  
610 or neglect was substantiated by the Department of Children and  
611 Families and was the basis for the issuance of a restraining order under  
612 section 46b-15 or civil protection order under section 46b-16a, or (2) the  
613 safety concerns of the adult person or minor relate to another person  
614 whose parental rights were terminated in a proceeding conducted  
615 pursuant to section 45a-717 or 46b-129. Each application for program  
616 participation shall be completed with the assistance of an application  
617 assistant.

618 (b) A person engaged in the provision, facilitation or promotion of a  
619 legally protected health care activity may apply to the Secretary of the  
620 State for participation in the address confidentiality program because of  
621 safety concerns and to have the Secretary of the State designate a  
622 program address to serve as the address of the person. For such  
623 applications, no assistance of an application assistant shall be required.

624 [(b)] (c) The Secretary of the State shall make available a list of entities  
625 that employ application assistants to assist applicants in applying for

626 participation in the address confidentiality program, provided no entity  
627 shall be included on such list unless the entity has received sufficient  
628 funds from federal or state sources as reimbursement for the reasonable  
629 costs of implementing the provisions of this chapter.

630 Sec. 18. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2026*) The Secretary of the State  
631 shall certify an applicant as a program participant if the application is  
632 filed in the manner and on the application form prescribed by the  
633 Secretary of the State and includes:

634 (1) Documentation that the person is to commence employment or is  
635 currently employed at or volunteering at an entity providing,  
636 facilitating or promoting a legally protected health care activity as  
637 defined in section 52-571m of the general statutes, as amended by this  
638 act;

639 (2) A statement made under penalty of false statement, as provided  
640 in section 53a-157b of the general statutes, that (A) the applicant is a  
641 person engaged in the provision, facilitation or promotion of a legally  
642 protected health care activity, (B) the entity providing, facilitating or  
643 promoting a legally protected health care activity where the person is  
644 employed or volunteers has been the target of threats, harassment or  
645 acts of violence related to the provision, facilitation or promotion of a  
646 legally protected health care activity within one year of the date of the  
647 application, and (C) the applicant fears for such applicant's safety;

648 (3) A designation of the Secretary of the State as the agent of the  
649 applicant for service of process and for receipt of first class mail;

650 (4) The residential address in this state, the work and school  
651 addresses in this state, if any, and the phone number or numbers, if  
652 available, that are to remain confidential, but which may be used by the  
653 Secretary of the State or authorized personnel to contact the applicant;  
654 and

655 (5) The preparation date and the applicant's signature.

656 Sec. 19. Section 20-617 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
657 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2026*):

658 (a) Each pharmacist shall include on the label of each prescription  
659 container: (1) The quantity of prescribed drug placed in such container,  
660 in addition to any other information required by law, and (2) a  
661 prominently printed expiration date based on the manufacturer's  
662 recommended conditions of use and storage that can be read and  
663 understood by the ordinary individual. The expiration date required  
664 pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection shall be no later than the  
665 expiration date determined by the manufacturer.

666 (b) In addition to the information required to be included on the label  
667 of each prescription container pursuant to subsections (a) and (c) of this  
668 section, each pharmacist shall include on the label of each prescription  
669 container or on the receipt or other similar packaging in which the  
670 prescription is contained for a drug sold only by generic name, as  
671 defined in section 20-14a, and not by brand name, as defined in said  
672 section: (1) The name of the manufacturer of the generic drug placed in  
673 the container, and (2) the Internet web site address and toll-free  
674 telephone number for the United States Food and Drug  
675 Administration's safety information and adverse event reporting  
676 program (MedWatch).

677 (c) In addition to the information required to be included on the label  
678 of each prescription container pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) of this  
679 section, if a pharmacist substitutes a generic name drug for a brand  
680 name drug, such pharmacist shall include on the label of the  
681 prescription container: (1) The name of the generic drug placed in the  
682 container, and (2) the brand name of the drug that the generic drug was  
683 substituted for.

684 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, to the extent  
685 permitted under federal law, at the prescribing practitioner's written,  
686 electronic or oral request to the dispensing pharmacy, the dispensed  
687 label of each prescription drug that is not a controlled substance and

688 relates to a legally protected health care activity, as defined in section  
 689 52-571m, as amended by this act, shall include the name and address of  
 690 the prescribing and dispensing health care practice or facility, instead of  
 691 the name and signature of the prescribing practitioner.

692 Sec. 20. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2026) (a) Notwithstanding any  
 693 provision of the general statutes, a law of another state authorizing a  
 694 child to be removed from the child's parent or guardian based on the  
 695 parent or guardian allowing the child to receive or seek a legally  
 696 protected health care activity, as defined in section 52-571m of the  
 697 general statutes, as amended by this act, shall not be enforced or applied  
 698 in a case pending in a court in this state.

699 (b) No court in this state shall admit or consider a finding of abuse  
 700 based on the parent or guardian allowing the child to receive or seek a  
 701 legally protected health care activity, as defined in section 52-571m of  
 702 the general statutes, as amended by this act, as evidence in any  
 703 proceeding with respect to that parent or guardian or any child of the  
 704 parent or guardian, unless such conduct would constitute abuse under  
 705 the laws of this state as if the conduct occurred in this state.

706 (c) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to alter any  
 707 requirement related to the mandated reporting of child abuse or neglect  
 708 as prescribed in chapter 319a of the general statutes."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2026	52-571m
Sec. 2	October 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 3	October 1, 2026	New section
Sec. 4	October 1, 2026	52-146w
Sec. 5	October 1, 2026	54-82i(a) and (b)
Sec. 6	October 1, 2026	52-155a
Sec. 7	October 1, 2026	54-155a
Sec. 8	October 1, 2026	54-162
Sec. 9	October 1, 2026	19a-17d
Sec. 10	October 1, 2026	20-6331(c)

Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-17e
Sec. 12	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	19a-567
Sec. 13	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-579a
Sec. 14	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	38a-835
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	54-240
Sec. 16	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	54-240a
Sec. 17	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	54-240b
Sec. 18	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section
Sec. 19	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	20-617
Sec. 20	<i>October 1, 2026</i>	New section