



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7279

LCO No. 4638



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT ALLOWING DENTISTS TO TEST FOR DIABETES.

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2019*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Point-of-service test" means diagnostic testing performed at the
3 site where patients will receive care or treatment; and
- 4 (2) "HbA1c percentage" means the proportion of hemoglobin to
5 which glucose is attached and measures the average circulating blood
6 glucose level over the previous two to three-month period.
- 7 (b) A dentist licensed under chapter 379 of the general statutes may,
8 during an office visit or prior to a procedure and with a patient's
9 consent, administer an in-office point-of-service test to the patient to
10 measure the patient's HbA1c percentage utilizing a finger-stick
11 measurement tool if such patient is at an increased risk of diabetes and
12 does not have a previous diagnosis of diabetes. A dentist who does not
13 administer such test pursuant to this section shall not be deemed to
14 have violated the standard of care for a dentist. The Commissioner of

15 Public Health may adopt regulations in accordance with the provisions
16 of chapter 54 of the general statutes to carry out the provisions of this
17 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2019</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow dentists to administer a finger-stick diabetes test for patients who have risk factors for diabetes but have not been diagnosed.

[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.]