



General Assembly

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LCO No. 1396



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY.

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-490dd of the general statutes is repealed and
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Health care facility" means a hospital
4 or an outpatient clinic, as such terms are defined in section 19a-490, a
5 long-term care facility, as defined in section 17a-405, [and] a hospice
6 facility, licensed pursuant to section 19a-122b, or a physician's, a
7 physician assistant's or an advanced practice registered nurse's office;
8 and (2) "medical diagnostic equipment" means (A) an examination table,
9 (B) an examination chair, (C) a weight scale, (D) mammography
10 equipment, and (E) x-ray, imaging and other radiological diagnostic
11 equipment.

12 (b) [On and after January 1, 2023, each] Each health care facility shall
13 take into consideration the technical standards for accessibility
14 developed by the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers
15 Compliance Board in accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient

16 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time
17 to time, when purchasing medical diagnostic equipment.

18 (c) Not later than December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the
19 Commissioner of Public Health shall notify each health care facility,
20 physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370, physician assistant licensed
21 pursuant to chapter 370 and advanced practice registered nurse licensed
22 pursuant to chapter 378, of information pertaining to the provision of
23 health care to individuals with accessibility needs, including, but not
24 limited to, the technical standards for accessibility developed by the
25 federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in
26 accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient Protection and Affordable
27 Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time, for medical
28 diagnostic equipment. The Department of Public Health shall post such
29 information on its Internet web site.

30 (d) On and after January 1, 2025, each health care facility with two or
31 more examination rooms shall (1) purchase only medical equipment
32 that complies with such technical standards for accessibility, and (2)
33 ensure that at least one of such examination rooms has the necessary (A)
34 dimensions to enable a patient using an assistive device, including, but
35 not limited to, a wheelchair, to easily enter, exit and maneuver around
36 such examination room, and (B) staff and equipment, including, but not
37 limited to, a lift, to assist a patient with a disability in accessing any
38 medical diagnostic equipment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	19a-490dd

Statement of Purpose:
To expand access to medical diagnostic equipment and examination rooms for persons with a disability.

[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.]