



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Monday, February 11, 2019**

**SB 807, An Act Concerning The Legislative Commissioners' Recommendations For
Revisions To The Public Health Statutes**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 807, An Act Concerning The Legislative Commissioners' Recommendations For Revisions To The Public Health Statutes**. CHA has concerns with the bill as drafted.

Before commenting on the bill, it's important to point out that Connecticut hospitals and health systems provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. They do more than treat illness and injury. They build a healthier Connecticut by improving community health, managing chronic illness, expanding access to primary care, preparing for emergencies, and addressing social determinants of health. By investing in the future of Connecticut's hospitals, we will strengthen our healthcare system and our economy, put communities to work, and deliver affordable care that Connecticut families deserve.

While CHA believes that the intent of the bill is to make technical revisions, we have concerns that the language pertaining to social workers in Section 13 may have unintended consequences. We would appreciate the opportunity to work with the Committee and the National Association of Social Workers to ensure that any technical revisions do not result in unintended consequences to the practice of social work and the delivery of care in Connecticut.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.