



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Monday, March 9, 2020**

**HB 5417, An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's
Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 5417, An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes.**

HB 5417 amends various sections of the public health statutes.

Section 46b-25 of the general statutes details the requirements necessary for obtaining a marriage license, and is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health.

While the Committee is examining the public health statutes, CHA respectfully requests the Committee add a section to HB 5417 that would amend section 46b-25. Specifically, CHA is seeking an amendment to section 46b-25 to address circumstances when one individual is unable to appear before the registrar for purposes of obtaining a marriage license because that individual is confined to a medical facility due to medical reasons. This change in the statute will allow individuals confined to a medical facility to successfully obtain a marriage license and to marry.

To accomplish this change, CHA requests the Committee add the following language to section 46b-25:

"The registrar shall take all reasonable steps to accommodate a person who is unable to appear at the registrar's office due to medical reasons that render such person confined to a medical facility. Such person who is unable to appear shall provide and attest to the registrar the reasons they are unable to appear."

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