



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

**SB 125, An Act Concerning Department Of Consumer Protection
Licensing And Enforcement**

SB 135, An Act Concerning Revisions To Pharmacy And Drug Control Statutes

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 125, An Act Concerning Department Of Consumer Protection Licensing And Enforcement**, and **SB 135, An Act Concerning Revisions To Pharmacy And Drug Control Statutes**. CHA supports these bills with modifications.

Before commenting on these bills, it is important to point out that Connecticut hospitals and health systems provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, and work to improve the health of those who live in our communities. Supporting Connecticut's hospitals strengthens our healthcare system and our economy.

CHA is working with the Department of Consumer Protection to clarify the language in SB 125 and SB 135 to ensure that appropriate due process measures are in place, that the language pertaining to continuing medical education reflects the full time period allowed to complete the requirement, and that it is clear that certain provisions continue to exempt hospital pharmacies.

In addition, we have asked the Department to add language to clarify that when a hospital pharmacy provides pharmaceutical services to a licensed hospital contained within another licensed hospital, it may provide those services for both inpatient and outpatient care.

In addition to working with the Department, CHA would appreciate the opportunity to work with the Committee to clarify these items as the two pieces of legislation move forward.

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