



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

SB 370, An Act Eliminating The Race Designation On Marriage Licenses

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 370, An Act Eliminating The Race Designation On Marriage Licenses**.

SB 370 amends section 46b-25 of the general statutes. Section 46b-25 of the general statutes details the requirements necessary for obtaining a marriage license.

While the Committee is examining section 46b-25, CHA respectfully requests the Committee also consider an additional amendment to the statute. Specifically, CHA recommends amending the statute to address circumstances when one individual is unable to appear before the registrar 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.