

## General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5261

February Session, 2022



## AN ACT INCREASING ACCESS TO REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE.

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 19a-602 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- 2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2022*):
- 3 (a) The decision to terminate a pregnancy prior to the viability of the
- fetus shall be solely that of the [pregnant woman] <u>patient</u> in consultation
- 5 with [her] the patient's physician or, pursuant to the provisions of
- 6 <u>subsection (d) of this section, the patient's advanced practice registered</u>
- 7 <u>nurse, nurse-midwife or physician assistant.</u>
- 8 (b) No abortion may be performed upon a [pregnant woman] patient
- 9 after viability of the fetus except when necessary to preserve the life or
- 10 health of the [pregnant woman] patient.
- 11 (c) A physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 may perform an
- 12 abortion, as defined in section 19a-912.
- 13 (d) An advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to
- 14 chapter 378, a nurse-midwife licensed pursuant to chapter 377 and a
- 15 physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 may perform
- 16 <u>medication and aspiration abortions.</u>

This act shall sections:	l take effect as follo	ws and	shall amend the following
Section 1	October 1, 2022		19a-602

**PH** Joint Favorable Subst.