



General Assembly

February Session, 2020

**Raised Bill No. 380**

LCO No. 2330



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF A FAMILY MEMBER OF A PATIENT ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-508a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 Upon admitting a patient to a hospital, hospital personnel shall  
4 promptly ask the patient whether the patient desires for his or her  
5 physician and any family member to be notified of the hospital  
6 admission. If the patient so desires, hospital personnel shall make  
7 reasonable efforts to notify the physician and family member  
8 designated by the patient of the patient's hospital admission as soon as  
9 practicable, but not later than twenty-four hours after the patient's  
10 request. For purposes of this section, "hospital" has the same meaning  
11 as provided in section 19a-490; and "physician" means a person licensed  
12 under the provisions of chapter 370.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2020	19a-508a
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require hospitals to notify a patient's designated family member not later than twenty-four hours after admission.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*