



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1062

LCO No. 4370



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH OR IN THE CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF A PEACE OFFICER.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Emergency medical condition" means a medical condition,
3 whether physical, behavioral, or related to a substance use disorder or
4 mental health disorder, that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient
5 severity, including severe pain, that in the absence of prompt medical
6 attention could reasonably be expected by a prudent layperson who
7 possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine to result in
8 placing the health of the person in serious jeopardy, serious impairment
9 to body function or serious dysfunction of any body organ or part;

10 (2) "Medically unstable" means any condition, whether physical,
11 behavioral, or related to a substance use disorder or mental health
12 disorder, that manifests in an unstable medical or mental health status,
13 which could reasonably be understood by a prudent layperson who
14 possesses an average knowledge of health and medicine to lead to an

15 emergency medical condition; and

16 (3) "Peace officer" has the same meaning as provided in section 53a-3
17 of the general statutes.

18 (b) Any person who experiences an emergency medical condition or
19 is medically unstable while in direct audio or visual contact with, or
20 under the custody or control of, a peace officer shall have the right to be
21 provided with emergency medical services.

22 (c) A peace officer shall immediately request emergency medical
23 services for any person who is under such officer's custody or control or
24 otherwise in direct audio or visual contact with the peace officer when
25 such person: (1) Has communicated to the peace officer that the person
26 is (A) experiencing an emergency medical condition, or (B) medically
27 unstable, or (2) has been observed by the peace officer to be (A)
28 experiencing an emergency medical condition, or (B) medically
29 unstable.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2023	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the provision of emergency medical services to an individual who experiences an emergency medical condition or is medically unstable while in direct contact with, or in the custody or control of, a peace officer.

[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.]