



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 994***

LCO No. 4092



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONTRACT DISPUTES BETWEEN HOSPITALS AND INSURERS.***

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2015*) (a) If a contract between  
2 an insurer, as defined in section 38a-1 of the general statutes, and a  
3 hospital or health system, as such terms are defined in section 19a-508c  
4 of the general statutes, for the delivery of and reimbursement for  
5 health care services is terminated or nonrenewed and the termination  
6 or nonrenewal of the contract was not the result of mutual agreement  
7 of the parties, the parties to the contract shall continue to abide by the  
8 terms of the contract for a period of not less than sixty days. At the  
9 conclusion of the sixty-day period, the parties shall negotiate the terms  
10 of the contract for a period of not less than thirty days or until an  
11 agreement is reached, whichever occurs first. The parties shall  
12 continue to abide by the terms of the contract until the conclusion of  
13 the thirty-day period or until an agreement is reached, whichever first  
14 occurs.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Public Health may waive the sixty-day

16 and thirty-day time period requirements set forth in subsection (a) of  
17 this section at the request of either party to the contract if the  
18 commissioner determines that such party terminated the contract for  
19 cause.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To minimize the impact on consumers during contract disputes between insurers and hospitals or health systems.

*[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.]*