



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 5406

LCO No. 912



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
REP. COOK, 65th Dist.

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC PAIN
WITHOUT OPIOID DRUGS.**

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

- 1 That section 20-14o of the general statutes be amended to (1) allow a
- 2 prescribing practitioner to refer a patient to a chiropractor or a physical
- 3 therapist in addition to or in place of issuing a prescription for an opioid
- 4 drug, and (2) require the Department of Public Health to (A) establish
- 5 guidelines for the use of evidence-based, nonpharmaceutical therapies
- 6 to treat chronic pain that include, but are not limited to, chiropractic
- 7 treatment and physical therapy, and (B) conduct educational and
- 8 outreach activities to raise awareness of such guidelines.

Statement of Purpose:

To establish guidelines and recommendations for the treatment of chronic pain without the use of opioid drugs.