



General Assembly

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**Proposed Bill No. 6241**

LCO No. 1169



Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:

REP. DILLON, 92nd Dist.

REP. PORTER, 94th Dist.

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**AN ACT CONCERNING PULSE OXIMETERS, INDIVIDUALS OF COLOR AND HEALTH INSURANCE.**

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

- 1 That the general statutes be amended to: (1) Require each pulse
- 2 oximeter sold in this state to display a warning disclosing that such
- 3 pulse oximeter may produce an erroneous blood oxygen saturation
- 4 level reading for an individual of color; (2) provide for the education of
- 5 health care providers regarding the increased likelihood that a pulse
- 6 oximeter will produce an erroneous blood oxygen saturation level
- 7 reading for an individual of color and thereby deprive the individual of
- 8 a medically necessary hospital admission or other clinical care; and (3)
- 9 prohibit health insurers from reimbursing health care providers for
- 10 certain health care, including, but not limited to, home health care,
- 11 provided to an individual of color for a low blood oxygen saturation
- 12 level.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To reduce racial health disparities.