



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5200***

LCO No. 1396



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE ACCESSIBILITY FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-490dd of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

3 (a) As used in this section: (1) "Health care facility" means a hospital  
4 or an outpatient clinic, as such terms are defined in section 19a-490, a  
5 long-term care facility, as defined in section 17a-405, [and] a hospice  
6 facility, licensed pursuant to section 19a-122b, or a physician's, a  
7 physician assistant's or an advanced practice registered nurse's office;  
8 and (2) "medical diagnostic equipment" means (A) an examination table,  
9 (B) an examination chair, (C) a weight scale, (D) mammography  
10 equipment, and (E) x-ray, imaging and other radiological diagnostic  
11 equipment.

12 (b) [On and after January 1, 2023, each] Each health care facility shall  
13 take into consideration the technical standards for accessibility  
14 developed by the federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers  
15 Compliance Board in accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient

16 Protection and Affordable Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time  
17 to time, when purchasing medical diagnostic equipment.

18 (c) Not later than December 1, 2022, and annually thereafter, the  
19 Commissioner of Public Health shall notify each health care facility,  
20 physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370, physician assistant licensed  
21 pursuant to chapter 370 and advanced practice registered nurse licensed  
22 pursuant to chapter 378, of information pertaining to the provision of  
23 health care to individuals with accessibility needs, including, but not  
24 limited to, the technical standards for accessibility developed by the  
25 federal Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board in  
26 accordance with Section 4203 of the Patient Protection and Affordable  
27 Care Act, P.L. 111-148, as amended from time to time, for medical  
28 diagnostic equipment. The Department of Public Health shall post such  
29 information on its Internet web site.

30 (d) On and after January 1, 2025, each health care facility with two or  
31 more examination rooms shall (1) purchase only medical equipment  
32 that complies with such technical standards for accessibility, and (2)  
33 ensure that at least one of such examination rooms has the necessary (A)  
34 dimensions to enable a patient using an assistive device, including, but  
35 not limited to, a wheelchair, to easily enter, exit and maneuver around  
36 such examination room, and (B) staff and equipment, including, but not  
37 limited to, a lift, to assist a patient with a disability in accessing any  
38 medical diagnostic equipment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2024	19a-490dd

**PH**            *Joint Favorable*

**APP**          *Joint Favorable*