



General Assembly

February Session, 2024

**Raised Bill No. 276**

LCO No. 1902



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SAFETY OF SURGICAL PATIENTS.**

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

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2024*) No hospital, as defined in  
2 section 19a-490 of the general statutes, or outpatient surgical facility, as  
3 defined in section 19a-490bb of the general statutes, shall permit a  
4 representative of a medical device manufacturing company to be  
5 present in an operating room of the hospital or outpatient surgical  
6 facility while a patient is undergoing a surgical procedure in the  
7 operating room or outpatient surgical facility, unless the representative  
8 is a patient undergoing a surgical procedure.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2024</i>	New section
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To protect the safety of surgical patients by prohibiting representatives of medical device manufacturers from being present in an operating room of a hospital or outpatient surgical facility when a patient is

undergoing a procedure in the operating room or outpatient surgical facility.

*[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.]*