General Assembly

Raised Bill No. 6837

January Session, 2025

LCO No. **3609**

Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION OF SHOCK THERAPY BY A PATIENT'S WRITTEN CONSENT OR PROBATE COURT ORDER.

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

Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 17a-543 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025*):

(c) No psychosurgery or shock therapy shall be administered to any patient without the patient's written informed consent, except as provided in this subsection. Such consent shall be for a maximum period of **[**thirty**]** ninety days and may be revoked at any time. If it is determined by the head of the hospital and two qualified physicians that the patient has become incapable of giving informed consent, shock therapy may be administered upon order of the Probate Court if, after hearing, such court finds that the patient is incapable of informed consent and there is no other, less intrusive beneficial treatment. An order of the Probate Court authorizing the administration of shock therapy pursuant to this subsection shall be effective for not more than **[**forty-five**]** ninety days.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	*July 1, 2025*	17a-543(c)

Statement of Purpose:

To extend the authorization of shock therapy by a patient's written consent or Probate Court order to ninety days.

[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.]