

DATE: 24 February 2025

FROM: Ayden Tokarz

TO: Health and Human Services Committee of Rhode Island Statehouse

SUBJ: OPPOSITION TO BILL H5351

Dear HHS Committee,

I'm writing in opposition to this bill which is supposed to be about safety but is quite the opposite. I've undergone peels and laser treatments with dermatologists. My mother is a dermatologist. These kinds of treatments should require physician supervision. This bill says only 20 hours of training is needed? That's half of week and crazy to think someone can learn medical procedures that quickly. According to the bill, a non-physician can delegate these treatments to non-medical persons which sounds ridiculous and dangerous.

As a Rhode Island resident I expect more from our lawmakers to ensure the safety of constituents but also to uphold the integrity of the practice of medicine. The Rhode Island Department of Health is charged with doing this and that is what our taxpayer dollars are supporting- NOT an industry driven bill that is meant to only profit those who don't want to take the time and effort that it takes to learn and understand science.

Very Respectfully,  
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