

**Steven Sepe**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 5:47 AM  
**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee  
**Cc:** Rep. Baginski, Jacquelyn M.; policastrogroup@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: Steve Sepe Support Bill 5351

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 5351, the Medical Aesthetic Practices Safety Act. This bill is essential to ensuring the safety and well-being of Rhode Island residents by requiring that cosmetic medical procedures be performed or supervised by qualified healthcare professionals, including physicians, physician assistants (PAs), and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs).

As the demand for aesthetic procedures continues to grow, it is critical to establish clear standards to protect patients from unqualified practitioners. By requiring proper medical oversight, H. 5351 will:

- **Enhance Patient Safety** – Ensuring that licensed medical professionals oversee cosmetic procedures minimizes the risk of complications and ensures appropriate care in case of adverse reactions.
- **Uphold Professional Standards** – Establishing clear qualifications for those performing these procedures reinforces trust in Rhode Island’s healthcare system and maintains the integrity of the field.
- **Protect Public Health** – Preventing unlicensed individuals from conducting medical aesthetic procedures safeguards residents from potentially harmful or unethical practices.

This legislation is a necessary step toward improving the regulation of medical aesthetics and prioritizing patient safety. I urge you to support H. 5351 and advocate for its passage to uphold the highest standards in cosmetic medical care.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your leadership in ensuring the health and safety of Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

Melissa Idarraga

Sent from my iPhone