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**Testimony submitted by State Representative Joan A. Lewis 8<sup>th</sup> District to the  
Public Health Committee, February 26, 2007**

**HB 6109 "An Act Reducing License Renewal Fees for Retired Dentists."**

This OLR report was to be attached to Representative Lewis's submitted testimony.

Thank you,

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# OLR RESEARCH REPORT

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## LICENSURE OF RETIRED NURSES

By: John Kasprak, Senior Attorney

You asked for information on state licensing of retired nurses.

PA 99-249 (CGS § 19a-88a) allows registered nurses (RNs), advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) who have retired from their profession to renew their licenses at 10% of the regular fee. The fee for retired RNs is \$5; for retired APRNs, \$6; and for retired LPNs, \$3.

The act required the Department of Public Health (DPH) to adopt regulations by January 1, 2000, that included (1) a definition of "retired from the profession" as it applies to RNs, APRNs, and LPNs; (2) procedures for the return to active employment of nurses who retire from their profession; (3) appropriate restrictions on the scope of practice of retired nurses, including restricting their licenses to unpaid volunteer services; and (4) the requirement that any nurse seeking license renewal hold a current RN, APRN, or LPN license in good standing.

These regulations have been adopted (see DPH Regs., §§ 19a-88-1 to 19a-88-4; copy attached) and define "retired from the profession" as a licensee who does not intend to practice nursing for monetary compensation for a period of at least three years and who may provide voluntary service. A licensee is eligible to convert her license into a retired license if the licensee: (1) is retired from the profession, (2) holds a current license in good standing, and (3) is due to renew the license. An APRN who holds a retired license must maintain certification by a

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national certifying body as prescribed by law. The regulations also address requirements for returning a retired license to a full, active license to practice (see Regs. § 19a-88-4).

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