



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 7157**

LCO No. 4273

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT CARE STAFF TRAINING  
REQUIREMENTS FOR ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNITS AND  
PROGRAMS.**

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-562a of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

3 Each Alzheimer's special care unit or program shall annually  
4 provide Alzheimer's and dementia specific training to all [licensed and  
5 registered] direct care staff who provide direct patient care to residents  
6 enrolled in Alzheimer's special care units or programs. Such  
7 requirements shall include, but not limited to, (1) not less than eight  
8 hours of dementia-specific training, which shall be completed not later  
9 than six months after the date of employment and not less than three  
10 hours of such training annually thereafter, and (2) annual training of  
11 not less than two hours in pain recognition and administration of pain  
12 management techniques for direct care staff.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2007	19a-562a
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require Alzheimer's special care units or programs to provide Alzheimer's and dementia specific training annually to all staff who provide direct patient care to residents enrolled in such units or programs.

*[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.]*