



Substitute House Bill No. 7157

Public Act No. 07-34

AN ACT CONCERNING 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:

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 Section 19a-562a of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

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

(b) Each Alzheimer's special care unit or program shall annually provide a minimum of one hour of Alzheimer's and dementia specific training to all unlicensed and unregistered staff who provide services and care to residents enrolled in Alzheimer's special care units or programs. For such staff hired on or after October 1, 2007, such

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training shall be completed not later than six months after the date of employment.

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