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Committee Bill No. 243

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Aging

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING IN PAIN MANAGEMENT.

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

1 As used in this section and sections 19a-522 to 19a-534a, inclusive,
2 19a-536 to 19a-539, inclusive, [and] 19a-550 to 19a-554, inclusive, and
3 19a-562a, as amended by this act, unless the context otherwise
4 requires: "Nursing home facility" means any nursing home or
5 residential care home as defined in section 19a-490 or any rest home
6 with nursing supervision which provides, in addition to personal care
7 required in a residential care home, nursing supervision under a
8 medical director twenty-four hours per day, or any chronic and
9 convalescent nursing home which provides skilled nursing care under
10 medical supervision and direction to carry out nonsurgical treatment
11 and dietary procedures for chronic diseases, convalescent stages, acute
12 diseases or injuries; "department" means the Department of Public
13 Health and "commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health
14 or the commissioner's designated representative.

15 Sec. 2. Section 19a-562a of the general statutes is repealed and the
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2009*):

17 (a) Each nursing home facility that is not an Alzheimer's special care
18 unit or program shall annually provide a minimum of two hours in
19 pain recognition and administration of pain management techniques
20 to all licensed and registered direct care staff and nurse's aides who
21 provide direct patient care to residents.

22 [(a)] (b) Each Alzheimer's special care unit or program shall
23 annually provide Alzheimer's and dementia specific training to all
24 licensed and registered direct care staff and nurse's aides who provide
25 direct patient care to residents enrolled in the Alzheimer's special care
26 unit or program. Such requirements shall include, but not be limited
27 to, (1) not less than eight hours of dementia-specific training, which
28 shall be completed not later than six months after the date of
29 employment and not less than eight hours of such training annually
30 thereafter, and (2) annual training of not less than two hours in pain
31 recognition and administration of pain management techniques for
32 direct care staff.

33 [(b)] (c) Each Alzheimer's special care unit or program shall
34 annually provide a minimum of one hour of Alzheimer's and dementia
35 specific training to all unlicensed and unregistered staff, except nurse's
36 aides, who provide services and care to residents enrolled in the
37 Alzheimer's special care unit or program. For such staff hired on or
38 after October 1, 2007, such training shall be completed not later than
39 six months after the date of employment.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 2	July 1, 2009	19a-562a

Statement of Purpose:

To require direct care nursing home staff to have annual training in pain recognition and the administration of pain management techniques.

[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.]