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"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS."

1 Strike lines 55 to 62, inclusive, and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "(b) (1) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, for
4 registration periods beginning on and after October 1, 2014, a licensee
5 applying for license renewal shall earn not less than sixteen hours of
6 continuing education within the preceding twenty-four-month period.
7 Such continuing education shall consist of courses offered or approved
8 by the National Board of Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences,
9 the American Academy of Audiology or the American Speech-
10 Language Hearing Association or such successor organizations as may
11 be approved by the Commissioner of Public Health.

12 (2) Each licensee applying for license renewal pursuant to section

13 19a-88, except a licensee applying for a license renewal for the first
14 time, shall sign a statement attesting that he or she has satisfied the
15 continuing education requirements described in subdivision (1) of this
16 subsection on a form prescribed by the department. Each licensee shall
17 retain records of attendance or certificates of completion that
18 demonstrate compliance with the continuing education requirements
19 described in subdivision (1) of this subsection for not less than three
20 years following the date on which the continuing education was
21 completed. Each licensee shall submit such records to the department
22 for inspection not later than forty-five days after a request by the
23 department for such records.

24 (3) In individual cases involving medical disability or illness, the
25 commissioner may grant a waiver of the continuing education
26 requirements or an extension of time within which to fulfill such
27 requirements of this subsection to any licensee, provided the licensee
28 submits to the department an application for waiver or extension of
29 time on a form prescribed by the commissioner, along with a
30 certification by a licensed physician of the disability or illness and such
31 other documentation as may be required by the department. The
32 commissioner may grant a waiver or extension for a period not to
33 exceed one registration period, except that the commissioner may
34 grant additional waivers or extensions if the medical disability or
35 illness upon which a waiver or extension is granted continues beyond
36 the period of the waiver or extension and the licensee applies for an
37 additional waiver or extension.

38 (c) A licensee applying for the first time for license renewal
39 pursuant to section 19a-88 is exempt from the continuing education
40 requirements of this section.

41 (d) A licensee whose license has become void pursuant to section
42 19a-88 and who applies to the department for reinstatement of such
43 license, shall submit evidence documenting the successful completion
44 of eight hours of continuing education within the one-year period
45 immediately preceding application for reinstatement."