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House Bill No. 6390

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. JOHNSON of the 49th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSIONERS' RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

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

1 Section 1. Section 10-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 The Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services is authorized to aid in
4 securing employment for capable blind or partially blind persons in
5 industrial and mercantile establishments and in other positions which
6 offer financial returns. Said commissioner may aid needy blind
7 persons in such way as said commissioner deems expedient,
8 expending for such purpose such sum as the General Assembly
9 appropriates, provided the maximum expenditure for any one person
10 shall not exceed the sum of nine hundred [and] sixty dollars in a fiscal
11 year, but, if said maximum amount is insufficient to furnish necessary
12 medical or hospital treatment to a beneficiary, said commissioner may
13 authorize payment of such additional costs as the commissioner deems

14 necessary and reasonable.

15 Sec. 2. Section 19a-109 of the general statutes is repealed and the
16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

17 When any building or part thereof is occupied as a home or place of
18 residence or as an office or place of business, either mercantile or
19 otherwise, a temperature of less than sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit in
20 such building or part thereof shall, for the purpose of this section, be
21 deemed injurious to the health of the occupants thereof, except that the
22 Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations establishing a
23 temperature higher than sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit when the
24 health, comfort or safety of the occupants of any such building or part
25 thereof so requires. In any such building or part thereof where,
26 because of physical characteristics or the nature of the business being
27 conducted, a temperature of sixty-five degrees Fahrenheit cannot
28 reasonably be maintained in certain areas, the Labor Commissioner
29 may grant a variance for such areas. The owner of any building or the
30 agent of such owner having charge of such property, or any lessor or
31 his agent, manager, superintendent or janitor of any building, or part
32 thereof, the lease or rental agreement whereof by its terms, express or
33 implied, requires the furnishing of heat, cooking gas, electricity, hot
34 water or water to any occupant of such building or part thereof, who,
35 wilfully and intentionally, fails to furnish such heat to the degrees
36 herein provided, cooking gas, electricity, hot water or water and
37 thereby interferes with the cooking gas, electricity, hot water or water
38 and thereby interferes with the comfortable or quiet enjoyment of the
39 premises, at any time when the same are necessary to the proper or
40 customary use of such building or part thereof, shall be guilty of a
41 class D misdemeanor. No public service company or electric supplier,
42 as defined in section 16-1, shall, at the request of any such owner,
43 agent, lessor, manager, superintendent or janitor, cause heat, cooking
44 gas, electricity, hot water or water services to be terminated with
45 respect to any such leased or rented property unless the owner or
46 lessor furnishes a statement signed by the lessee agreeing to such
47 termination or a notarized statement signed by the lessor to the effect

48 that the premises are vacant.

49 Sec. 3. Subsection (b) of section 20-10b of the general statutes is
50 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
51 *October 1, 2013*):

52 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of
53 this section, a licensee applying for license renewal shall earn a
54 minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing medical education
55 within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing
56 medical education shall (1) be in an area of the physician's practice; (2)
57 reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health
58 care needs of the public; and (3) include at least one contact hour of
59 training or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious
60 diseases, including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency
61 syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management,
62 (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, and (E) cultural competency.
63 For purposes of this section, qualifying continuing medical education
64 activities include, but are not limited to, courses offered or approved
65 by the American Medical Association, American Osteopathic Medical
66 Association, Connecticut Hospital Association, Connecticut State
67 Medical Society, county medical societies or equivalent organizations
68 in another jurisdiction, educational offerings sponsored by a hospital
69 or other health care institution or courses offered by a regionally
70 accredited academic institution or a state or local health department.
71 The commissioner may grant a waiver for not more than ten contact
72 hours of continuing medical education for a physician who: [(1)] (i)
73 Engages in activities related to the physician's service as a member of
74 the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, established pursuant to
75 section 20-8a; [(2)] (ii) engages in activities related to the physician's
76 service as a member of a medical hearing panel, pursuant to section 20-
77 8a; or [(3)] (iii) assists the department with its duties to boards and
78 commissions as described in section 19a-14.

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

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	10-297
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	19a-109
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	20-10b(b)

PH *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill makes technical changes to various public health statutes and does not result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill makes technical changes to the public health statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 28 Nay 0 (03/11/2013)