



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Senate Bill 466 – AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR PHYSICIANS

The Department of Public Health provides the following information regarding Senate Bill 466.

Pursuant to Section 20-10b of the Connecticut General Statutes, licensed physicians/surgeons are currently required to complete fifty hours of continuing medical education every two years. Of these mandatory fifty hours, physicians/surgeons are required to complete a minimum of one hour of coursework in each of the following topics: infectious diseases, including but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus; risk management; sexual assault; domestic violence; and cultural competence. This proposal would amend the mandatory continuing education requirements to allow physicians who have previously completed the required courses to substitute courses related to their specialty under certain circumstances.

Should this proposal move forward, the Department of Public Health respectfully requests the opportunity to participate in any discussions regarding revised statutory language to ensure that the requirements are consistent with similar provisions for other licensed professions and that implementation of the proposal has no fiscal impact to the Department.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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