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(As Amended by Senate Amendment Schedule "A")

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE GOVERNOR'S
RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE."**

1 Strike subsection (b) of section 501 in its entirety and insert the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "(b) Except as provided in this section, for registration periods
4 beginning on and after October 1, 2014, a licensee applying for license
5 renewal shall earn a minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing
6 education within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such
7 continuing education shall: (1) Be in an area of the advanced practice
8 registered nurse's practice; (2) reflect the professional needs of the
9 licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public; (3) include
10 at least five contact hours of training or education in
11 pharmacotherapeutics; and (4) include at least one contact hour of
12 training or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious
13 diseases, including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency

14 syndrome and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management,
15 (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, and (E) cultural competency.
16 For purposes of this section, qualifying continuing education activities
17 include, but are not limited to, courses, including on-line courses,
18 offered or approved by the American Nurses Association, Connecticut
19 Hospital Association, Connecticut Nurses Association, Connecticut
20 League for Nursing, a specialty nursing society or an equivalent
21 organization in another jurisdiction, an educational offering sponsored
22 by a hospital or other health care institution or a course offered by a
23 regionally accredited academic institution or a state or local health
24 department. The commissioner may grant a waiver of not more than
25 ten contact hours of continuing education for an advanced practice
26 registered nurse who: (i) Engages in activities related to the advanced
27 practice registered nurse's service as a member of the Connecticut State
28 Board of Examiners for Nursing, established pursuant to section 20-88
29 of the general statutes; or (ii) assists the department with its duties to
30 boards and commissions as described in section 19a-14 of the general
31 statutes."

32 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
33 internal references accordingly:

34 "Sec. 501. Section 20-88 of the general statutes is repealed and the
35 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2014*):

36 (a) The Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing shall
37 consist of [twelve] fifteen members who are residents of the state to be
38 appointed by the Governor subject to the provisions of section 4-9a.
39 The Governor shall appoint two members who shall be graduates of an
40 approved school for licensed practical nursing; five members who
41 shall be registered nurses, one of whom shall, at the time of
42 appointment, be connected with an institution affording opportunities
43 for the education of nurses, two of whom shall hold master's degrees
44 in nursing from a recognized college or university and one of whom
45 shall hold a degree of a doctor of nursing practice or doctor of nursing
46 science from a recognized college or university; one member who shall

47 be an advanced practice registered nurse practicing in collaboration
 48 with a physician; on and after January 1, 2018, one member who shall
 49 be an advanced practice registered nurse practicing not in
 50 collaboration with a physician but who has previously practiced in
 51 collaboration with a physician for a period of not less than six
 52 thousand two hundred forty hours; two members who shall be
 53 physicians; and four members who shall be public members. Members
 54 of said board shall be residents of this state and professional members
 55 shall maintain good professional standing. No member of said board
 56 shall be an elected or appointed officer of any professional association
 57 of nurses or have been such an officer during the year immediately
 58 preceding his appointment. No member shall serve more than two full
 59 consecutive terms which commence after July 1, 1980. Any vacancy
 60 shall be filled by the Governor for the unexpired portion of the term.

61 (b) The Governor shall appoint a chairperson from among such
 62 members. Said board shall meet at least once during each calendar
 63 quarter and at such other times as the chairman deems necessary.
 64 Special meetings shall be held on the request of a majority of the board
 65 after notice in accordance with the provisions of section 1-225. A
 66 majority of the members of the board shall constitute a quorum.
 67 Members shall not be compensated for their services. Any member
 68 who fails to attend three consecutive meetings or who fails to attend
 69 fifty per cent of all meetings held during any calendar year shall be
 70 deemed to have resigned from office. Minutes of all meetings shall be
 71 recorded by the board. No member shall participate in the affairs of
 72 the board during the pendency of any disciplinary proceedings by the
 73 board against such member."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 501	October 1, 2014	20-88