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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:  
(PH)

**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 7-74 of the general statutes, as amended by section  
2 5 of public act 14-133, is repealed and the following is substituted in  
3 lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

4 (a) The fee for a certification of birth registration, short form, shall  
5 be fifteen dollars. The fee for a certified copy of a certificate of birth,  
6 long form, shall be twenty dollars, except that the fee for such  
7 certifications and copies when issued by the department shall be thirty  
8 dollars.

9 (b) (1) The fee for a certified copy of a certificate of marriage or  
10 death shall be twenty dollars. Such fees shall not be required of the  
11 department.

12 (2) Any fee received by the Department of Public Health for a  
13 certificate of death shall be deposited in the neglected cemetery

14 account, established in accordance with section 19a-308b.

15 (c) The fee for one certified copy of a certificate of death for any  
16 deceased person who was a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of  
17 section 27-103, shall be waived when such copy is requested by a  
18 spouse, child or parent of such deceased veteran.

19 (d) The fee for an uncertified copy of an original certificate of birth  
20 issued pursuant to section 7-53 shall be sixty-five dollars.

21 Sec. 2. Subdivisions (10) to (13), inclusive, of section 19a-177 of the  
22 general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
23 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

24 (10) Research, develop, track and report on appropriate quantifiable  
25 outcome measures for the state's emergency medical [services] service  
26 system and submit to the joint standing committee of the General  
27 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, in  
28 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, on or before July 1,  
29 2002, and annually thereafter, a report on the progress toward the  
30 development of such outcome measures and, after such outcome  
31 measures are developed, an analysis of emergency medical services  
32 system outcomes;

33 (11) Establish primary service areas and assign in writing a primary  
34 service area responder for each primary service area. Each state-owned  
35 campus having an acute care hospital on the premises shall be  
36 designated as the primary service area responder for that campus;

37 (12) Revoke primary service area assignments upon determination  
38 by the commissioner that it is in the best interests of patient care to do  
39 so; and

40 (13) Annually issue a list of minimum equipment requirements for  
41 ambulances and rescue vehicles based upon current national  
42 standards. The commissioner shall distribute such list to all emergency

43 medical [services] service organizations and sponsor hospital medical  
44 directors and make such list available to other interested stakeholders.  
45 Emergency medical [services] service organizations shall have one  
46 year from the date of issuance of such list to comply with the  
47 minimum equipment requirements.

48 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 19a-486b of the general statutes is  
49 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
50 *October 1, 2015*):

51 (a) Not later than one hundred twenty days after the date of receipt  
52 of the completed application pursuant to subsection [(d)] (e) of section  
53 19a-486a, the Attorney General and the commissioner shall approve  
54 the application, with or without modification, or deny the application.  
55 The commissioner shall also determine, in accordance with the  
56 provisions of chapter 368z, whether to approve, with or without  
57 modification, or deny the application for a certificate of need that is  
58 part of the completed application. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
59 section 19a-639a, as amended by this act, the commissioner shall  
60 complete the decision on the application for a certificate of need within  
61 the same time period as the completed application. Such one-hundred-  
62 twenty-day period may be extended by agreement of the Attorney  
63 General, the commissioner, the nonprofit hospital and the purchaser. If  
64 the Attorney General initiates a proceeding to enforce a subpoena  
65 pursuant to section 19a-486c or 19a-486d, the one-hundred-twenty-day  
66 period shall be tolled until the final court decision on the last pending  
67 enforcement proceeding, including any appeal or time for the filing of  
68 such appeal. Unless the one-hundred-twenty-day period is extended  
69 pursuant to this section, if the commissioner and Attorney General fail  
70 to take action on an agreement prior to the one hundred twenty-first  
71 day after the date of the filing of the completed application, the  
72 application shall be deemed approved.

73 Sec. 4. Subsection (n) of section 19a-490 of the general statutes is  
74 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*

75 *October 1, 2015):*

76 (n) "Multicare institution" means a hospital, psychiatric outpatient  
77 clinic for adults, free-standing facility for the care or treatment of  
78 substance abusive or dependent persons, hospital for psychiatric  
79 disabilities, as defined in section 17a-495, or a general acute care  
80 hospital that provides outpatient behavioral health services that [(A)]  
81 (1) is licensed in accordance with this chapter, [(B)] (2) has more than  
82 one facility or one or more satellite units owned and operated by a  
83 single licensee, and [(C)] (3) offers complex patient health care services  
84 at each facility or satellite unit.

85 Sec. 5. Subdivision (2) of subsection (c) of section 19a-493 of the  
86 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
87 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

88 (2) Any multicare institution that intends to offer services at a  
89 satellite unit or other location outside of its facilities or satellite units [,]  
90 shall submit an application for approval to offer services at such  
91 location to the Department of Public Health. Such application shall be  
92 submitted on a form and in the manner prescribed by the  
93 Commissioner of Public Health. Not later than forty-five days after  
94 receipt of such application, the commissioner shall notify the multicare  
95 institution of the approval or denial of such application. If the satellite  
96 unit or other location is approved, that satellite unit or location shall be  
97 deemed to be licensed in accordance with this section [19a-493] and  
98 shall comply with the applicable requirements of this chapter and  
99 regulations adopted under this chapter.

100 Sec. 6. Section 19a-508a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
101 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

102 Upon admitting a patient to a hospital, hospital personnel shall  
103 promptly ask the patient whether the patient desires for his or her  
104 physician to be notified of the hospital admission. If the patient so  
105 desires, hospital personnel shall make reasonable efforts to notify the

106 physician designated by the patient of the patient's hospital admission  
107 as soon as practicable, but not later than twenty-four hours after the  
108 patient's request. For purposes of this section, "hospital" [shall have]  
109 has the same meaning as provided in section 19a-490, as amended by  
110 this act; and "physician" means a person licensed under the provisions  
111 of chapter 370.

112 Sec. 7. Subsections (c) and (d) of section 19a-639a of the general  
113 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
114 (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

115 (c) Not later than five business days after receipt of a properly filed  
116 certificate of need application, the office shall publish notice of the  
117 application on its Internet web site. Not later than thirty days after the  
118 date of filing of the application, the office may request such additional  
119 information as the office determines necessary to complete the  
120 application. The applicant shall, not later than sixty days after the date  
121 of the office's request, submit the requested information to the office. If  
122 an applicant fails to submit the requested information to the office  
123 within the sixty-day period, the office shall consider the application to  
124 have been withdrawn.

125 (d) Upon determining that an application is complete, the office  
126 shall provide notice of this determination to the applicant and to the  
127 public in accordance with regulations adopted by the department. In  
128 addition, the office shall post such notice on its Internet web site. The  
129 date on which the office posts such notice on its Internet web site shall  
130 begin the review period. Except as provided in this subsection, (1) the  
131 review period for a completed application shall be ninety days from  
132 the date on which the office posts such notice on its Internet web site;  
133 and (2) the office shall issue a decision on a completed application  
134 prior to the expiration of the ninety-day review period. The review  
135 period for a completed application that involves a transfer of a group  
136 practice, as described in subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 19a-  
137 638, when the offer was made in response to a request for proposal or

138 similar voluntary offer for sale, shall be sixty days from the date on  
139 which the office posts notice on its Internet web site. Upon request or  
140 for good cause shown, the office may extend the review period for a  
141 period of time not to exceed sixty days. If the review period is  
142 extended, the office shall issue a decision on the completed application  
143 prior to the expiration of the extended review period. If the office  
144 holds a public hearing concerning a completed application in  
145 accordance with subsection (e) or (f) of this section, the office shall  
146 issue a decision on the completed application not later than sixty days  
147 after the date the office closes the public hearing record.

148 Sec. 8. Subsection (h) of section 20-206mm of the general statutes is  
149 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
150 *October 1, 2015*):

151 (h) The commissioner may issue an emergency medical [services]  
152 service instructor certificate to an applicant who presents (1) evidence  
153 satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant is currently certified  
154 as an emergency medical technician in good standing, (2)  
155 documentation satisfactory to the commissioner, with reference to  
156 national education standards, regarding qualifications as an  
157 emergency medical service instructor, (3) a letter of endorsement  
158 signed by two instructors holding current emergency medical service  
159 instructor certification, (4) documentation of having completed written  
160 and practical examinations as prescribed by the commissioner, and (5)  
161 evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant has no  
162 pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaints against him or  
163 her.

164 Sec. 9. Section 20-482 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
165 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

166 Any person or entity who knowingly violates any provision of  
167 sections 20-474 to 20-481, inclusive, and subsections (e) and (f) [L] of  
168 section 19a-88 or any regulation adopted thereunder, shall be fined not

169 more than five thousand dollars per violation per day and be subject to  
 170 disciplinary action pursuant to section 19a-17.

171 Sec. 10. Subsection (f) of section 19a-29a of the general statutes is  
 172 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
 173 *October 1, 2015*):

174 (f) Each registration or [certificate of approval] certification shall be  
 175 issued for a period of not less than twenty-four or more than twenty-  
 176 seven months from any deadline for applications established by the  
 177 commissioner. Renewal applications shall be made (1) biennially  
 178 within the twenty-fourth month of the current registration; (2) before  
 179 any change in ownership is made; and (3) prior to any major  
 180 expansion or alteration in, or changing of, quarters.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	7-74
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-177(10) to (13)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-486b(a)
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-490(n)
Sec. 5	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-493(c)(2)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-508a
Sec. 7	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-639a(c) and (d)
Sec. 8	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-206mm(h)
Sec. 9	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	20-482
Sec. 10	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	19a-29a(f)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To make technical changes to the public health statutes.

*[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.]*