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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING TRAINING IN CULTURAL COMPETENCY FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (g) of section 20-126l of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2016*):

4 (g) Each licensed dental hygienist applying for license renewal shall
5 earn a minimum of sixteen hours of continuing education within the
6 preceding twenty-four-month period including at least one contact
7 hour of training or education in cultural competency. The subject
8 matter for continuing education shall reflect the professional needs of
9 the licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public.
10 Continuing education activities shall provide significant theoretical or
11 practical content directly related to clinical or scientific aspects of
12 dental hygiene. Qualifying continuing education activities include, but
13 are not limited to, courses, including on-line courses, that are offered
14 or approved by dental schools and other institutions of higher
15 education that are accredited or recognized by the Council on Dental

16 Accreditation, a regional accrediting organization, the American
17 Dental Association, a state, district or local dental association or society
18 affiliated with the American Dental Association, the National Dental
19 Association, the American Dental Hygienists Association or a state,
20 district or local dental hygiene association or society affiliated with the
21 American Dental Hygienists Association, the Academy of General
22 Dentistry, the Academy of Dental Hygiene, the American Red Cross or
23 the American Heart Association when sponsoring programs in
24 cardiopulmonary resuscitation or cardiac life support, the United
25 States Department of Veterans Affairs and armed forces of the United
26 States when conducting programs at United States governmental
27 facilities, a hospital or other health care institution, agencies or
28 businesses whose programs are accredited or recognized by the
29 Council on Dental Accreditation, local, state or national medical
30 associations, or a state or local health department. Eight hours of
31 volunteer dental practice at a public health facility, as defined in
32 subsection (a) of this section, may be substituted for one hour of
33 continuing education, up to a maximum of five hours in one two-year
34 period. Activities that do not qualify toward meeting these
35 requirements include professional organizational business meetings,
36 speeches delivered at luncheons or banquets, and the reading of books,
37 articles, or professional journals. Not more than four hours of
38 continuing education may be earned through an on-line or other
39 distance learning program.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	20-1261(g)

Statement of Purpose:

To require dental hygienists applying for license renewal to earn at least one hour of continuing education in cultural competency.

[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.]