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Referred to Committee on COMMERCE

Introduced by:
(CE)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY OF PRIMARY CARE
PHYSICIANS UNDER THE SMALL BUSINESS EXPRESS PROGRAM.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 32-7g of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2017*):

4 (a) (1) There is established within the Department of Economic and
5 Community Development the Small Business Express program. Said
6 program shall provide small businesses with various forms of financial
7 assistance, using a streamlined application process to expedite the
8 delivery of such assistance. The Commissioner of Economic and
9 Community Development, at his or her discretion, may partner with
10 the lenders in the Connecticut Credit Consortium, established
11 pursuant to section 32-9yy, in order to fulfill the requirements of this
12 section. A small business eligible for assistance through said program
13 shall [(1)] (A) employ, on at least fifty per cent of its working days
14 during the preceding twelve months, not more than one hundred
15 employees, [(2)] (B) have operations in Connecticut, [(3)] (C) have been

16 registered to conduct business for not less than twelve months, and
17 [(4)] (D) be in good standing with the payment of all state and local
18 taxes and with all state agencies.

19 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (1) of this
20 subsection, a business eligible for assistance under this section shall
21 also include (A) any physician licensed in Connecticut who (i) is
22 engaged in the active practice of primary care for adults or children,
23 (ii) practices in Connecticut, and (iii) is in good standing with the
24 payment of all state and local taxes and with the Department of Public
25 Health; and (B) any physician office that, (i) provides primary care
26 services to adults or children, (ii) is located in Connecticut, and (iii) is
27 in good standing with the payment of all state and local taxes and with
28 the Department of Public Health.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2017	32-7g(a)

Statement of Purpose:

To expand eligibility under the Small Business Express program to include primary care physicians and physician offices regardless of the number of employees.

[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.]