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Substitute House Bill No. 5297

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The Committee on Public Health reported through REP. STEINBERG of the 136th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN COLONOSCOPIES AND ENDOSCOPIES.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-10b of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2018*):

4 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of
5 this section, a licensee applying for license renewal shall earn a
6 minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing medical education
7 within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing
8 medical education shall (1) be in an area of the physician's practice; (2)
9 reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health
10 care needs of the public; and (3) during the first renewal period in
11 which continuing medical education is required and not less than once
12 every six years thereafter, include at least one contact hour of training
13 or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases,
14 including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome

15 and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, including,
16 but not limited to, [for registration periods beginning on or after
17 October 1, 2015,] prescribing controlled substances and pain
18 management, and, for registration periods beginning on or after
19 October 1, 2018, screening for gastrointestinal cancers, including colon,
20 gastric, pancreatic and neuroendocrine cancers and other rare
21 gastrointestinal tumors, (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, (E)
22 cultural competency, and (F) behavioral health, provided further that
23 on and after January 1, 2016, such behavioral health continuing
24 medical education may include, but not be limited to, at least two
25 contact hours of training or education during the first renewal period
26 in which continuing education is required and not less than once every
27 six years thereafter, on the topic of mental health conditions common
28 to veterans and family members of veterans, including (i) determining
29 whether a patient is a veteran or family member of a veteran, (ii)
30 screening for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of
31 suicide, depression and grief, and (iii) suicide prevention training. For
32 purposes of this section, qualifying continuing medical education
33 activities include, but are not limited to, courses offered or approved
34 by the American Medical Association, American Osteopathic
35 Association, Connecticut Hospital Association, Connecticut State
36 Medical Society, Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society, county
37 medical societies or equivalent organizations in another jurisdiction,
38 educational offerings sponsored by a hospital or other health care
39 institution or courses offered by a regionally accredited academic
40 institution or a state or local health department. The commissioner, or
41 the commissioner's designee, may grant a waiver for not more than ten
42 contact hours of continuing medical education for a physician who: (i)
43 Engages in activities related to the physician's service as a member of
44 the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, established pursuant to
45 section 20-8a; (ii) engages in activities related to the physician's service
46 as a member of a medical hearing panel, pursuant to section 20-8a; or
47 (iii) assists the department with its duties to boards and commissions
48 as described in section 19a-14.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2018</i>	20-10b(b)

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which makes changes to continuing education requirements of physicians, does not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health as it is not anticipated to affect the number of individuals licensed by the agency.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN COLONOSCOPIES AND ENDOSCOPIES.**SUMMARY**

As part of existing law's continuing education requirements, physicians must complete one contact hour of risk management training or education (1) during their first license renewal period in which continuing education is required and (2) at least once every six years after that. This bill requires such training to address screening for gastrointestinal cancers, including colon, gastric, pancreatic, and neuroendocrine cancers, and other rare gastrointestinal tumors. The new requirement applies to license registration periods starting on or after October 1, 2018.

Existing law requires the risk management training to also address prescribing controlled substances and pain management.

By law, physicians generally must complete 50 contact hours of continuing education every two years, starting with their second license renewal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 13 (03/19/2018)