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Substitute House Bill No. 5297
As Amended by House Amendment
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
April 26, 2018

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN
SCREENING FOR INFLAMMATORY BREAST CANCER AND
GASTROINTESTINAL CANCERS.**

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

50 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)

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 physician continuing education requirements, 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.

House "A," which made clarifying changes to the underlying bill, is not anticipated to result in a fiscal impact to the state or municipalities.

The Out Years

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 5297 (as amended by House "A")******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 allows such training to address screening for inflammatory breast cancer and gastrointestinal cancers, including colon, gastric, pancreatic, and neuroendocrine cancers and other rare gastrointestinal tumors. This applies to license registration periods starting on or after October 1, 2018.

Existing law, unchanged by the bill, requires the risk management training to 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.

*House Amendment "A" allows, rather than requires, the training to address gastrointestinal cancers and adds breast cancer to the list of permissible topics.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 13 (03/19/2018)