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LCO No. 1457



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*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

Statement of Purpose:

To require continuing medical education in screening for rare and gastric cancers using colonoscopies and endoscopies.

[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.]