



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5297**

February Session, 2018



**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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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.*