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Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES' RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING GROUP HOME LICENSING VISITS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 17a-227 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2018*):

4 (b) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with
5 the provisions of chapter 54, to [insure] ensure the comfort, safety,
6 adequate medical care and treatment of such persons at the residential
7 facilities described in subsection (a) of this section. Such regulations
8 shall include requirements that: (1) All residential facility staff be
9 certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation in a manner and time frame
10 prescribed by the commissioner; (2) records of staffing schedules and
11 actual staff hours worked, by residential facility, be available for
12 inspection by the department upon advance notice; (3) each residential
13 facility develop and implement emergency plans and staff training to
14 address emergencies that may pose a threat to the health and safety of

15 the residents of the facility; (4) department staff verify during quality
16 service reviews and licensing inspections, that (A) staff is adequately
17 trained to respond in an emergency, and (B) a summary of information
18 on each resident is available to emergency medical personnel for use in
19 an emergency; (5) all residential facilities serving persons with Down
20 syndrome fifty years of age or older have at least one staff member
21 trained in Alzheimer's disease and dementia symptoms and care; and
22 (6) [not less than one-half of the quality service reviews, licensing
23 inspections or facility visits conducted by the department after initial
24 licensure are unannounced] for community living arrangements, the
25 commissioner shall determine a minimum number of licensure-related
26 visits that are unannounced.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2018	17a-227(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services regarding group home licensing visits.

[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.]