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Public Health Committee

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

SUMMARY: This act allows physicians' risk management continuing education to address screening for inflammatory breast cancer and gastrointestinal cancers, including colon, gastric, pancreatic, and neuroendocrine cancers and other rare gastrointestinal tumors. It applies to license registration periods starting on or after October 1, 2019.

As part of existing law's continuing education requirements, physicians must complete one contact hour (i.e., at least 50 minutes) 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. Existing law, unchanged by the act, 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2019