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**"AN ACT CONCERNING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND DEMENTIA
TRAINING AND BEST PRACTICES."**

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-10b of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *January 1, 2020*):

6 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (d), (e) and (f) of
7 this section, a licensee applying for license renewal shall earn a
8 minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing medical education
9 within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such continuing
10 medical education shall (1) be in an area of the physician's practice; (2)
11 reflect the professional needs of the licensee in order to meet the health
12 care needs of the public; and (3) during the first renewal period in

13 which continuing medical education is required and not less than once
14 every six years thereafter, include at least one contact hour of training
15 or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases,
16 including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome
17 and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, including,
18 but not limited to, for registration periods beginning on or after
19 October 1, 2015, prescribing controlled substances and pain
20 management, (C) sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, (E) cultural
21 competency, and (F) behavioral health, provided further that on and
22 after January 1, 2016, such behavioral health continuing medical
23 education may include, but not be limited to, at least two contact hours
24 of training or education during the first renewal period in which
25 continuing education is required and not less than once every six years
26 thereafter, on [the topic of mental health conditions] diagnosing and
27 treating (i) cognitive conditions, including, but not limited to,
28 Alzheimer's disease, dementia, delirium, related cognitive
29 impairments and geriatric depression, or (ii) mental health conditions,
30 including, but not limited to, mental health conditions common to
31 veterans and family members of veterans. [, including (i)] Training for
32 mental health conditions common to veterans and family members of
33 veterans shall include best practices for (I) determining whether a
34 patient is a veteran or family member of a veteran, [(ii)] (II) screening
35 for conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide,
36 depression and grief, and [(iii)] (III) suicide prevention training. For
37 purposes of this section, qualifying continuing medical education
38 activities include, but are not limited to, courses offered or approved
39 by the American Medical Association, American Osteopathic
40 Association, Connecticut Hospital Association, Connecticut State
41 Medical Society, Connecticut Osteopathic Medical Society, county
42 medical societies or equivalent organizations in another jurisdiction,
43 educational offerings sponsored by a hospital or other health care
44 institution or courses offered by a regionally accredited academic
45 institution or a state or local health department. The commissioner, or
46 the commissioner's designee, may grant a waiver for not more than ten
47 contact hours of continuing medical education for a physician who: (i)

48 Engages in activities related to the physician's service as a member of
49 the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, established pursuant to
50 section 20-8a; (ii) engages in activities related to the physician's service
51 as a member of a medical hearing panel, pursuant to section 20-8a; or
52 (iii) assists the department with its duties to boards and commissions
53 as described in section 19a-14.

54 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 20-94d of the general statutes is
55 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
56 *January 1, 2020*):

57 (b) Except as provided in this section, for registration periods
58 beginning on and after October 1, 2014, a licensee applying for license
59 renewal shall earn a minimum of fifty contact hours of continuing
60 education within the preceding twenty-four-month period. Such
61 continuing education shall: (1) Be in an area of the advanced practice
62 registered nurse's practice; (2) reflect the professional needs of the
63 licensee in order to meet the health care needs of the public; (3) include
64 at least five contact hours of training or education in
65 pharmacotherapeutics; (4) include at least one contact hour of training
66 or education in each of the following topics: (A) Infectious diseases,
67 including, but not limited to, acquired immune deficiency syndrome
68 and human immunodeficiency virus, (B) risk management, (C) sexual
69 assault, (D) domestic violence, (E) cultural competency, and (F)
70 substance abuse, including, but not limited to, prescribing controlled
71 substances and pain management; [and] (5) on and after January 1,
72 2016, include not less than two contact hours of training or education
73 during the first renewal period in which continuing education is
74 required and not less than once every six years thereafter on the topic
75 of mental health conditions common to veterans and family members
76 of veterans, including (A) determining whether a patient is a veteran
77 or family member of a veteran, (B) screening for conditions such as
78 post-traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief,
79 and (C) suicide prevention training; and (6) on and after January 1,
80 2020, may include not less than two contact hours of training or
81 education during the first renewal period in which continuing

82 education is required and not less than once every six years thereafter
83 in diagnosing and treating cognitive or mental health conditions,
84 including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease, dementia, delirium,
85 related cognitive impairments and geriatric depression. For purposes
86 of this section, qualifying continuing education activities include, but
87 are not limited to, courses, including on-line courses, offered or
88 approved by the American Nurses Association, Connecticut Hospital
89 Association, Connecticut Nurses Association, Connecticut League for
90 Nursing, a specialty nursing society or an equivalent organization in
91 another jurisdiction, an educational offering sponsored by a hospital or
92 other health care institution or a course offered by a regionally
93 accredited academic institution or a state or local health department.
94 The commissioner may grant a waiver of not more than ten contact
95 hours of continuing education for an advanced practice registered
96 nurse who: (i) Engages in activities related to the advanced practice
97 registered nurse's service as a member of the Connecticut State Board
98 of Examiners for Nursing, established pursuant to section 20-88; or (ii)
99 assists the department with its duties to boards and commissions as
100 described in section 19a-14.

101 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) (a) The executive director of the
102 Commission on Women, Children and Seniors shall convene a
103 working group to review the recommendations of the task force
104 established pursuant to section 1 of special act 13-11, determine gaps in
105 implementation of the task force's recommendations and make
106 recommendations concerning best practices for Alzheimer's disease
107 and dementia care.

108 (b) The working group shall be comprised of: (1) The executive
109 director of the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors, or the
110 executive director's designee, who shall be chairperson of the working
111 group; (2) the executive director of the Connecticut chapter of the
112 Alzheimer's Association, or the executive director's designee; (3) the
113 Commissioner of Rehabilitation Services, or the commissioner's
114 designee; (4) the executive director of the Connecticut chapter of the
115 American Association of Retired Persons, or the executive director's

116 designee; (5) the State Ombudsman, or the State Ombudsman's
 117 designee; and (6) (A) a family representative of a person with
 118 Alzheimer's disease, (B) a family representative of a person with
 119 dementia, (C) a person diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or
 120 dementia, and (D) a health care professional with expertise in the
 121 diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and dementia, all
 122 appointed by the executive director of the Commission on Women,
 123 Children and Seniors.

124 (c) The executive director of the Commission on Women, Children
 125 and Seniors shall make appointments and convene the working group
 126 not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any
 127 vacancy shall be filled by said executive director.

128 (d) The administrative staff of the Commission on Women, Children
 129 and Seniors shall serve as administrative staff of the working group.

130 (e) Not later than January 30, 2020, the working group shall submit
 131 a report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing
 132 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
 133 relating to aging, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of
 134 the general statutes. The working group shall terminate on the date
 135 that it submits such report or December 1, 2020, whichever is later."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	20-10b(b)
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2020</i>	20-94d(b)
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section