



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6522

January Session, 2019



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

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2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2019*):

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, 2019, such risk management continuing medical education
20 may also include screening for inflammatory breast cancer and
21 gastrointestinal cancers, including colon, gastric, pancreatic and
22 neuroendocrine cancers and other rare gastrointestinal tumors, (C)
23 sexual assault, (D) domestic violence, (E) cultural competency, and (F)
24 behavioral health, provided further that on and after January 1, 2016,
25 such behavioral health continuing medical education may include, but
26 not be limited to, at least two contact hours of training or education
27 during the first renewal period in which continuing education is
28 required and not less than once every six years thereafter, on the topic
29 of mental health conditions common to veterans and family members
30 of veterans, including (i) determining whether a patient is a veteran or
31 family member of a veteran, (ii) screening for conditions such as post-
32 traumatic stress disorder, risk of suicide, depression and grief, and (iii)
33 suicide prevention training. For purposes of this section, qualifying
34 continuing medical education activities include, but are not limited to,
35 courses offered or approved by the American Medical Association,
36 American Osteopathic Association, Connecticut Hospital Association,
37 Connecticut State Medical Society, Connecticut Osteopathic Medical
38 Society, county medical societies or equivalent organizations in
39 another jurisdiction, educational offerings sponsored by a hospital or
40 other health care institution or courses offered by a regionally
41 accredited academic institution or a state or local health department.
42 The commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, may grant a
43 waiver for not more than ten contact hours of continuing medical
44 education for a physician who: [(i)] (I) Engages in activities related to
45 the physician's service as a member of the Connecticut Medical
46 Examining Board, established pursuant to section 20-8a; [(ii)] (II)
47 engages in activities related to the physician's service as a member of a
48 medical hearing panel, pursuant to section 20-8a; or [(iii)] (III) assists
49 the department with its duties to boards and commissions as described
50 in section 19a-14.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <i>July 1, 2019</i> | 20-10b(b) |
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(b), the second occurrence of designators (i), (ii) and (iii) were changed to (I), (II) and (III), for consistency with standard drafting conventions.

PH *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*