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Committee Bill No. 102

LCO No. 3937



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE CERTIFICATION OF MENTAL HEALTH
FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAMS.***

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

1 Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-206mm of the general
2 statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, an
5 applicant for a license as a paramedic shall submit evidence satisfactory
6 to the Commissioner of Public Health that the applicant has successfully
7 (1) completed a paramedic training program approved by the
8 commissioner, (2) for applicants applying on and after January 1, 2020,
9 completed mental health first aid training as part of a program provided
10 by an instructor certified by the National Council for Behavioral Health
11 or any other organization approved by the commissioner and identified
12 as approved by the commissioner on the Internet web site of the
13 Department of Public Health, and (3) passed an examination prescribed
14 by the commissioner.

15 (b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present evidence

16 satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (1) is licensed or
 17 certified as a paramedic in another state or jurisdiction whose
 18 requirements for practicing in such capacity are substantially similar to
 19 or higher than those of this state and that the applicant has no pending
 20 disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her, or (2)
 21 (A) is currently licensed or certified as a paramedic in good standing in
 22 any New England state, New York or New Jersey, (B) has completed an
 23 initial training program consistent with the National Emergency
 24 Medical Services Education Standards, as promulgated by the National
 25 Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the paramedic scope of
 26 practice model conducted by an organization offering a program that is
 27 recognized by the national emergency medical services program
 28 accrediting organization, (C) for applicants applying on or after January
 29 1, 2020, has completed mental health first aid training as part of a
 30 program provided by an instructor certified by the National Council for
 31 Behavioral Health or any other organization approved by the
 32 commissioner and identified as approved by the commissioner on the
 33 Internet web site of the Department of Public Health, and (D) has no
 34 pending disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her.

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| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: | | |
| Section 1 | <i>from passage</i> | 20-206mm(a) and (b) |

Statement of Purpose:

To expand the organizations that may certify mental health first aid training programs.

[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.]

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