



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 245

LCO No. 1492



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC HEALTH

Introduced by:
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR
THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 19a-404 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2020*):

3 The Chief Medical Examiner shall be a citizen of the United States
4 and a doctor of medicine licensed to practice medicine in Connecticut
5 and shall have had a minimum of four years postgraduate training in
6 pathology and such additional subsequent experience in forensic
7 pathology as the commission may determine, provided any person
8 otherwise qualified who is not licensed to so practice may be appointed
9 Chief Medical Examiner, provided he or she obtains such a license
10 within one year of his or her appointment. The Commission on
11 Medicolegal Investigations shall submit recommendations concerning
12 the Chief Medical Examiner's salary and annual increments to such
13 salary to the Commissioner of Administrative Services for review and
14 approval pursuant to section 4-40. The Chief Medical Examiner's term
15 of office shall be fixed by the commission and the Chief Medical

16 Examiner may be removed by the commission only for cause. Under the
 17 direction of the commission, the Chief Medical Examiner shall prepare
 18 for transmission to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management
 19 as required by law estimates of expenditure requirements. The Chief
 20 Medical Examiner shall account to the State Treasurer for all fees and
 21 moneys received and expended by him or her by virtue of his or her
 22 office. The Chief Medical Examiner may as part of his or her duties teach
 23 medical and law school classes, conduct special classes for police
 24 investigators and engage in other activities related to the work of the
 25 office to such extent and on such terms as may be authorized by the
 26 commission. On and after January 1, 2021, the Chief Medical Examiner
 27 shall earn at least one contact hour of training or education in sudden
 28 unexpected death in epilepsy as part of the continuing medical
 29 education he or she is required to obtain pursuant to section 20-10b. As
 30 used in this section, "sudden unexpected death in epilepsy" means the
 31 death of a person with epilepsy that is not caused by injury, drowning
 32 or other known causes unrelated to epilepsy.

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

Section 1	October 1, 2020	19a-404
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Statement of Purpose:

To require the continuing medical education of the Chief Medical Examiner to include at least one contact hour of training or education in sudden unexpected death in epilepsy.

[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.]