
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WARD, MARCH 13, 2017

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MARCH 13, 2017

AN ACT

1 Providing for continuing education credit for training related
2 to mental health issues.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Mental Health
7 First Aid Training Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

9 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
10 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
11 context clearly indicates otherwise:

12 "Licensing board." A departmental or administrative board
13 under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in the
14 Department of State of the Commonwealth.

15 "Licensing commission." A departmental or administrative
16 commission under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational
17 Affairs in the Department of State of the Commonwealth.

18 "Mental Health First Aid USA." An education course managed,

1 operated and disseminated by the National Council for Community
2 Behavioral Healthcare, the Maryland Department of Health and
3 Mental Hygiene and the Missouri Department of Mental Health,
4 which helps an individual identify, understand and respond to
5 signs of mental illness and substance use disorders.

6 Section 3. Continuing education credit.

7 A licensing board or licensing commission that requires a
8 licensee to complete continuing education credits for license
9 renewal shall provide credit toward its continuing education
10 requirement for completion of Mental Health First Aid USA. The
11 licensing board or licensing commission shall establish by
12 regulation the amount of credits allocated toward the continuing
13 education requirement for completion of the course.

14 Section 4. Regulations.

15 A licensing board or licensing commission under section 3
16 shall promulgate regulations necessary to effectuate this act no
17 later than 540 days from the effective date of this act.

18 Section 5. Effective date.

19 This act shall take effect immediately.