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**"AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
HOMEMAKER-COMPANION AGENCY TASK FORCE."**

1 In line 7, strike "by July 1, 2024"

2 In line 7, before "Not", insert "Such plan shall (1) provide a timeline
3 for the proposed transition, and (2) include recommendations on
4 appropriate training standards that (A) exemplify best practices for
5 providing homemaker and companion services, as defined in section 20-
6 670 of the general statutes, (B) provide instruction and specialized
7 training benchmarks for the care of clients with Alzheimer's disease,
8 dementia and other related conditions, and (C) ensure a high quality of
9 care for homemaker-companion agency clients and may evaluate and
10 make recommendations on the appropriate use of the term "care" in
11 describing the services provided by homemaker-companion agencies
12 and any limitations on the use of such term to ensure consumer clarity."

- 13 In line 7, strike "February" and insert in lieu thereof "August"
- 14 In line 22, bracket "or"
- 15 In line 25, after "20-678", insert "; or (5) failing to provide a written
16 notice, obtain a signed notice or maintain a copy of a signed notice, as
17 required by section 501 of this act"
- 18 In line 27, strike "violates any of" and insert in lieu thereof "is found
19 to have violated, after an administrative hearing conducted in
20 accordance with chapter 54,"
- 21 In line 28, strike "(4)" and insert in lieu thereof "(5)"
- 22 Strike sections 3 and 4 in their entirety and renumber the remaining
23 sections and internal references accordingly
- 24 Strike lines 120 to 124, inclusive, in their entirety
- 25 Strike section 9 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
26 thereof:
- 27 "Sec. 9. Section 20-677 of the general statutes is amended by adding
28 subsection (g) as follows (*Effective from passage*):
- 29 (NEW) (g) A homemaker-companion agency may include in its
30 business name and advertising the term "care" if such term is used in
31 reference to such agency's provision of homemaker services, provided,
32 on and after October 1, 2023, any such advertising (1) shall include in at
33 least twelve-point font at the top of such advertising the clear and
34 conspicuous words: "(Insert name of homemaker-companion agency)
35 provides nonmedical care.", and (2) shall not include any words that
36 indicate or suggest that such agency provides any services beyond the
37 scope of services authorized under this chapter, including, but not
38 limited to, words relating to medical or health care licensure or services.
39 A violation of the provisions of this subsection shall constitute
40 untruthful or misleading advertising for the purposes of subsection (a)
41 of section 20-675, as amended by this act."

42 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
43 internal references accordingly:

44 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Each homemaker-companion
45 agency, prior to providing homemaker services or companion services,
46 shall (1) provide the person who receives the services, or the authorized
47 representative of such person, with a written notice that the agency
48 provides nonmedical care, and (2) obtain the signature of such person
49 or representative on the written notice. The agency shall maintain a
50 paper or electronic copy of such signed notice until such time that the
51 person who receives the services ceases receiving services from the
52 agency and make such copy available for inspection upon the request of
53 the Commissioner of Consumer Protection."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	20-677(g)
Sec. 501	<i>from passage</i>	New section