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Raised Bill No. 5285

LCO No. 1758



Referred to Committee on PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

Introduced by:
(PS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR
PARAMEDICS.***

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 2020
2 supplement to the general statutes are repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof (*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
11 Health,] and [(3)] (2) passed an examination prescribed by the
12 commissioner.

13 (b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present evidence
14 satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (1) is licensed or
15 certified as a paramedic in another state or jurisdiction whose

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

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 eliminate the requirement that applicants for a license as a paramedic complete mental health first aid training.

[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.]