

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 102

January Session, 2021



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:

- Section 1. Subsections (a) and (b) of section 20-206mm of the general statutes are repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):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 Health 11 or any other certifying organization with substantially similar 12 certification requirements, as determined by the commissioner, and (3) 13 passed an examination prescribed by the commissioner.
 - (b) An applicant for licensure by endorsement shall present evidence satisfactory to the commissioner that the applicant (1) is licensed or certified as a paramedic in another state or jurisdiction whose requirements for practicing in such capacity are substantially similar to or higher than those of this state and that the applicant has no pending

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19 disciplinary action or unresolved complaint against him or her, or (2) 20 (A) is currently licensed or certified as a paramedic in good standing in 21 any New England state, New York or New Jersey, (B) has completed an 22 initial training program consistent with the National Emergency 23 Medical Services Education Standards, as promulgated by the National 24 Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the paramedic scope of 25 practice model conducted by an organization offering a program that is 26 recognized by the national emergency medical services program 27 accrediting organization, (C) for applicants applying on or after January 28 1, 2020, has completed mental health first aid training as part of a 29 program provided by an instructor certified by the National Council for 30 Behavioral Health or any other certifying organization with 31 substantially similar certification requirements, as determined by the 32 commissioner, and (D) has no pending disciplinary action or unresolved 33 complaint against him or her.

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

PH Joint Favorable Subst.