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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2014

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AN ACT

1 Providing for suicide prevention continuing education.

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

4 Section 1. Short title.

5 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Matt Adler  
6 Suicide Prevention Continuing Education Act.

7 Section 2. Definitions.

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

11 "Licensing board." The State Board of Psychology and the  
12 State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists  
13 and Professional Counselors.

14 Section 3. Continuing education requirement.

1 A licensing board shall provide that a licensee complete at  
2 least one hour of continuing education in the assessment,  
3 treatment and management of suicide risks as a portion of the  
4 total continuing education required for license renewal.

5 Section 4. Regulations.

6 A licensing board under section 3 shall promulgate  
7 regulations necessary to effectuate this act no later than 18  
8 months from the effective date of this act.

9 Section 5. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect immediately.