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SENATOR TOMLINSON, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, REPORTED AS AMENDED, IN SENATE, NOVEMBER 19, 2013

AN ACT

Amending Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in child protective services, further providing for education and training. 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: 5 Section 1. Section 6383(b) of Title 23 of the Pennsylvania 6 7 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding paragraphs to read: § 6383. Education and training. 8 9 10 (b) Duties of Department of State. --* * * 11 12 (3) Each licensing board with jurisdiction over 13 professional licensees identified as mandated reporters under 14 this chapter shall: 15 (i) Require all persons applying for a license or

1	certification issued by the licensing board to submit
2	documentation acceptable to the licensing board of the
3	completion of at least three hours of approved child
4	abuse recognition and reporting training. Training shall
5	address, but shall not be limited to, recognition of the
6	signs of child abuse and the reporting requirements for
7	suspected child abuse in this Commonwealth. Training
8	shall be approved by the Department of Public Welfare.
9	THE TRAINING MAY OCCUR AS PART OF THE CONTINUING <
10	EDUCATION REQUIREMENT OF THE LICENSE.
11	(ii) Require all persons applying for the renewal of
12	a license or certification issued by the licensing board
13	to submit documentation acceptable to the licensing board
14	of the completion of at least two hours of approved
15	continuing education per licensure cycle. Continuing
16	education shall address, but shall not be limited to,
17	recognition of the signs of child abuse and the reporting
18	requirements for suspected child abuse in this
19	Commonwealth. Continuing education curricula shall be
20	approved by the LICENSING BOARD IN CONSULTATION WITH THE <
21	Department of Public Welfare. The two hours of continuing
22	education on child abuse recognition and reporting shall
23	be completed by each licensee as a portion of the total
24	continuing education required for biennial license
25	renewal.
26	(4) A licensing board with jurisdiction over
27	professional licensees identified as mandated reporters under
28	this chapter may exempt an applicant or licensee from the
20	training or continuing education required by this remarks

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if all of the following apply:

1	(i) The applicant or licensee submits documentation
2	acceptable to the licensing board that the person has
3	already completed child abuse recognition training.
4	(ii) The training was:
5	(A) required by section 1205.6 of the act of
6	March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public
7	School Code of 1949, and the training program was
8	approved by the Department of Education in
9	consultation with the Department of Public Welfare;
10	<u>or</u>
11	(B) required by the act of June 13, 1967
12	(P.L.31, No.21), known as the Public Welfare Code,
13	and the training program was approved by the
14	Department of Public Welfare.
15	(iii) The amount of training received equals or
16	exceeds the amount of training or continuing education
17	required by this paragraph.
18	(5) A LICENSING BOARD WITH JURISDICTION OVER <
19	PROFESSIONAL LICENSEES IDENTIFIED AS MANDATED REPORTERS UNDER
20	THIS CHAPTER MAY EXEMPT ANY LICENSEE WHOM THE BOARD
21	DETERMINES DOES NOT COME INTO CONTACT WITH CHILDREN AS PART
22	OF THEIR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE.
23	Section 2. The addition of 23 Pa.C.S. § 6383(b)(3) applies
24	to persons applying for a license or certification, or for the
25	renewal of a license or certification, on or after January 1,
26	2015.
27	Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.