

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1459

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1 Amend Bill, page 2, line 2, by striking out "individuals" and
2 inserting

3 providers

4 Amend Bill, page 2, lines 18 through 21, by striking out all
5 of said lines and inserting

6 (1) The Department of Human Services of the
7 Commonwealth.

8 (2) A county mental health office located within this
9 Commonwealth.

10 Amend Bill, page 2, by inserting after line 30

11 "Emergency medical services provider or EMS provider." As
12 defined under section 8103 (relating to definitions).

13 Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by striking out the comma after
14 "company" and inserting

15 or

16 Amend Bill, page 3, line 9, by striking out "or quick
17 response service"

18 Amend Bill, page 3, line 20, by striking out "Mandates" and
19 inserting

20 Provides

21 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 8 and 9, by striking out "The
22 condition referred to as posttraumatic stress disorder" and
23 inserting

24 A posttraumatic stress disorder as defined by a mental
25 disorder characterized by direct exposure to a traumatic event
26 as identified

1 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 13 through 22, by striking out all
2 of said lines

3 Amend Bill, page 4, line 24, by striking out "individual" and
4 inserting
5 provider

6 Amend Bill, page 5, lines 7 through 9, by striking out
7 "Implementation.--The mental wellness and stress" in line 7, all
8 of line 8 and "after the effective date of this chapter." in
9 line 9 and inserting
10 Compliance.--

11 Amend Bill, page 5, line 11, by striking out "formalized" and
12 inserting
13 established

14 Amend Bill, page 5, lines 16 and 17, by striking out
15 "regional emergency medical services council for emergency
16 responders" and inserting
17 of its regional or district offices located

18 Amend Bill, page 5, lines 20 and 21, by striking out ", the
19 Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council,"

20 Amend Bill, page 5, line 26, by striking out "regardless of
21 geographic location"

22 Amend Bill, page 6, line 10, by striking out "believes will
23 further the intent and goals of this chapter" and inserting
24 deems necessary

25 Amend Bill, page 6, lines 11 and 12, by striking out "Nothing
26 in this chapter shall preclude incorporating" and inserting
27 The program shall incorporate

28 Amend Bill, page 6, line 13, by striking out "into a peer-to-
29 peer support program"

Amend Bill, page 6, lines 14 through 22, by striking out all of said lines and inserting

§ 75A04. Trained peer support providers.

(a) Establishment.--The department, in conjunction with cooperating officials and agencies, shall develop and establish guidelines for the recruitment and training of providers capable of providing peer-to-peer support under section 75A03 (relating to peer-to-peer support programs).

(b) Contents.--The guidelines shall include the establishment of minimum qualifications as a trained peer support provider.

(c) Credentialing requirement.--The department shall establish a clear credentialing requirement and a certificate evidencing a provider's qualifications.

(d) Procedure.--A procedure shall be established for the suspension or revocation of credentials.

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 8 through 10, by striking out "of the following:" in line 8, all of line 9 and "by the department and familiar" in line 10 and inserting

a provider adequately trained in identifying

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 12 and 13, by striking out the period in line 12 and all of line 13 and inserting

or capable of making

Amend Bill, page 7, lines 15 through 30, by striking out "the" in line 15 and all of lines 16 through 30 and inserting further mental health evaluation or care.

Amend Bill, page 8, lines 1 and 2, by striking out "with information about the toll-free helpline"

Amend Bill, page 8, line 2, by striking out "as follows"

Amend Bill, page 8, line 3, by inserting after "serve" and shall

Amend Bill, page 8, line 4, by striking out "At least one sign," and inserting

Be

Amend Bill, page 8, line 5, by striking out "inches and no

1 larger than 1 by 2 feet, shall be" and inserting

2 .
3 (2) Be

4 Amend Bill, page 8, line 7, by striking out "(2)" and
5 inserting

6 (3)

7 Amend Bill, page 8, lines 18 and 19, by striking out ", in
8 consultation with the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services
9 Council,"

10 Amend Bill, page 8, line 26, by striking out "Regulations"
11 and inserting

12 Protocol

13 Amend Bill, page 8, lines 26 through 28, by striking out
14 "promulgate" in line 26 and all of lines 27 and 28 and inserting
15 establish a protocol for the department's

16 Amend Bill, page 9, lines 1 through 15, by striking out all
17 of said lines and inserting

18 (a) Training required.--The department shall provide for and
19 include trauma awareness training. The department may partner or
20 contract with a third-party entity to provide the necessary
21 training. The department shall require initial and continuing
22 education for emergency responders and shall include trauma
23 awareness training.

24 (b) Training topics.--Trauma awareness training shall
25 include the following:

- 26 (1) Education on stress management.
27 (2) Critical incidents.
28 (3) Signs and symptoms of posttraumatic stress injury.
29 (4) Vicarious trauma.
30 (5) Substance abuse and addiction.
31 (6) Warning signs of depression and suicide and any
32 other relevant topics as determined by the department.
33 (7) The availability of additional resources.

34 Amend Bill, page 9, line 19, by striking out "within this
35 Commonwealth"

36 Amend Bill, page 9, lines 29 and 30; page 10, lines 1 through

25; by striking out all of said lines on said pages and

inserting

(a) Disclosure.--Except as provided under subsection (b), a trained peer support provider or coparticipant present during peer support services may not disclose any information regarding an emergency responder without the consent of the emergency responder.

(b) Exceptions.--The privilege established under subsection (a) shall not apply if any of the following apply:

(1) The peer support or helpline operator reasonably believes a clear and present danger exists to the emergency responder or to other individuals.

(2) The emergency responder has given express consent to disclose information.

(3) The emergency responder is deceased and the surviving spouse or the executor or administrator of the estate of the deceased emergency responder has given express consent.

Amend Bill, page 12, line 4, by striking out "in 60 days."

and inserting

as follows:

(1) The addition of 35 Pa.C.S. § 75A02(b) shall take effect in 180 days.

(2) The remainder of this act shall take effect immediately.