

AN ACT

1 Providing for a mental health first aid training continuing
2 education credit.

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

5 Section 1. Short title.

6 This act shall be known and may be cited as the Mental Health
7 First Aid Training Continuing Education Credit Act.

8 Section 2. Definitions.

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

12 "Department." The Department of State of the Commonwealth.

13 "Licensing board." A departmental or administrative board
14 under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs in the
15 Department of State of the Commonwealth.

16 "Licensing commission." A departmental or administrative
17 commission under the Bureau of Professional and Occupational

1 Affairs in the Department of State of the Commonwealth.

2 "Mental Health First Aid USA." An education course managed,
3 operated and disseminated by the National Council for Community
4 Behavioral Health, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental
5 Hygiene and the Missouri Department of Mental Health, which
6 helps an individual identify, understand and respond to signs of
7 mental illness and substance use disorders.

8 Section 4. Continuing education credit.

9 A licensing board or commission that requires a licensee to
10 complete continuing education credits for license renewal shall
11 provide a credit for its continuing education requirement for
12 completion of Mental Health First Aid USA. The licensing board
13 shall establish by regulation the amount of credits allocated
14 toward the continuing education requirement for completion of
15 the course.

16 Section 5. Regulations.

17 A licensing board or commission under section 4 shall
18 promulgate regulations necessary to effectuate this act no later
19 than 540 days from the effective date of this act.

20 Section 6. Effective date.

21 This act shall take effect immediately.