



**Testimony Before the General Law Committee  
February 25, 2020 Regarding**

**RAISED BILL 125 AN ACT CONCERNING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER  
PROTECTION LICENSING AND ENFORCEMENT.**

Representative D'Agostino, Senator Maroney and members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding Raised Bill 125 An Act Concerning Department of Consumer Protection Licensing and Enforcement. The Connecticut Pharmacists Association (CPA) represents more than 1,000 pharmacists, technicians, and students across all sectors of the pharmacy profession in Connecticut.

Section 20 of Raised Bill 125 is of some concern to pharmacists as well as organizations like CPA that provide continuing education (CE) programming for them. The Section changes current law, which requires pharmacists to complete their mandatory CE of 15 credit hours per year by December 31. Under DCP regulations, pharmacist licenses all expire biennially on January 31st of every even-numbered year.

Under the proposed revision, the license expiration date would remain January 31 of every even-numbered year, but all CE credits would have to be completed by October 31 of the previous (odd-numbered) year. The apparent reasoning for this change is to decrease the number of waiver requests submitted before the biennial deadline.

But such a substantial change in the CE schedule will, we fear, actually have the opposite effect and will increase the number of waiver requests because requiring a more aggressive CE schedule will burden pharmacists with an increased likelihood of being out of compliance.

CPA and other organizations that provide pharmacist CE develop programming schedules that conform to the biennial renewal schedule, with a significant number of CE events scheduled throughout the final quarter of the calendar year. Moving these programs to dates 60-90 days earlier in the year will be both difficult and expensive.

At the very least, we believe that pharmacists should be exempted from Section 20. Thank you for your consideration.

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