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**A BILL**

To enact sections 173.07, 173.071, 173.072, and 1  
173.073 of the Revised Code to create a dementia 2  
care certificate. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That sections 173.07, 173.071, 173.072, and 4  
173.073 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows: 5

**Sec. 173.07.** (A) As used in this section and sections 6  
173.071 to 173.073 of the Revised Code, "dementia" includes 7  
Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder. 8

(B) The department of aging shall issue a certificate in 9  
dementia care to an individual if all of the following 10  
requirements are satisfied: 11

(1) The individual has submitted to the department a 12  
completed application for the certificate as specified in rules 13  
adopted by the department under section 173.073 of the Revised 14  
Code. 15

(2) The individual has completed a course of study in 16

dementia care that has been approved by the department under 17  
section 173.071 of the Revised Code. 18

(3) The individual has paid to the department a license 19  
fee in the amount specified in rules adopted by the department 20  
under section 173.073 of the Revised Code. 21

(C) A certificate in dementia care shall certify that the 22  
individual to whom it was issued has met the requirements of 23  
this section and any rules adopted under section 173.073 of the 24  
Revised Code and is certified while the certificate is valid. 25

**Sec. 173.071.** (A) The department of aging shall review and 26  
approve training and education programs for dementia care. An 27  
approved program is one that the department has identified as 28  
providing the requisite education and experience necessary to 29  
qualify an individual for a certificate in dementia care. 30

(B) The department shall develop a list of approved 31  
dementia care training and education programs. The department 32  
shall organize the list by health care professional type and may 33  
require programs to meet different criteria depending on the 34  
professional type. A person may contact the department to seek 35  
approval for a dementia care training or education program. 36

(C) A dementia care training or education program approved 37  
under this section shall include all of the following topics: 38

(1) Expectations of health care providers when caring for 39  
individuals with dementia; 40

(2) Person-centered training and care planning, including 41  
cultural awareness; 42

(3) Social and physical environment characteristics that 43  
trigger or exacerbate behavioral and psychological symptoms of 44

<u>dementia;</u>	45
<u>(4) Meaningful and engaging activities for individuals</u>	46
<u>with dementia;</u>	47
<u>(5) Pain assessment;</u>	48
<u>(6) Medication management;</u>	49
<u>(7) Family dynamics for families with a member who has</u>	50
<u>dementia;</u>	51
<u>(8) General information about dementia;</u>	52
<u>(9) How to assist an individual with dementia with daily</u>	53
<u>living activities, including evaluating preferences and goals;</u>	54
<u>(10) Problem-solving challenging behavior from an</u>	55
<u>individual with dementia, including nonpharmacological</u>	56
<u>intervention;</u>	57
<u>(11) Communication skills relating to individuals with</u>	58
<u>dementia.</u>	59
<u><b>Sec. 173.072.</b> No person shall knowingly use any of the</u>	60
<u>following unless the person holds a certificate in dementia</u>	61
<u>care:</u>	62
<u>(A) The title "certified in dementia care," "dementia</u>	63
<u>practitioner," "certified Alzheimer's disease practitioner," or</u>	64
<u>"certified in Alzheimer's care";</u>	65
<u>(B) The acronym "CDC," "DP," "CADP," or "CAC," after the</u>	66
<u>person's name;</u>	67
<u>(C) Any other words, letters, signs, cards, or devices</u>	68
<u>that tend to indicate or imply that the person is certified in</u>	69
<u>dementia care.</u>	70

Sec. 173.073. The department shall adopt rules under 71  
section 173.02 of the Revised Code as necessary to implement the 72  
provisions of sections 173.07 to 173.072 of the Revised Code. 73  
The rules shall specify all of the following with respect to the 74  
certificate in dementia care: 75

(A) The form and manner by which an individual is to apply 76  
for and renew the certificate; 77

(B) Any application and renewal fees for the certificate; 78

(C) The duration of the certificate; 79

(D) Any provisions for suspension or revocation of the 80  
certificate; 81

(E) Penalties for violations of section 173.072 of the 82  
Revised Code; 83

(F) Anything else necessary to implement sections 173.07 84  
to 173.072 of the Revised Code. 85

**Section 2.** Section 1 of this act shall take effect six 86  
months after this act's effective date. 87