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Re: Regulation ID #16A-5130 (#2608)

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

In regard to the new requirement of 30 CEU's for biennal license renewal, there is no remedy for those nurses who fall under ACT 48 which requires 180 Continuing Professional Education Activity hours (CPEA) every 5 years to maintain certification. As a school nurse, I appreciate that education courses will be approved for certification but I am concerned because there is no translation of those CPEA hours into CEU's. This puts an added burden, both financial and time-wise, on the Certified School Nurses of Philadelphia only. As a professional, I am happy to continue my education, but I feel that this inequity should be addressed in this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this concern.

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cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission