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H.B. No. 2758

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to training for physicians in identification and assistance of victims of human trafficking.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 156.060, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 156.060. CONTINUING EDUCATION IN HUMAN TRAFFICKING IDENTIFICATION ~~[PREVENTION]~~. (a) A physician licensed under this subtitle who submits an application for renewal of a registration permit and who designates a direct patient care practice must complete, as part of the hours of continuing medical education required for compliance with Section 156.051(a)(2), not less than one hour of continuing medical education regarding identification and assistance of victims of [a] human trafficking [prevention course approved by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission under Section 116.002].

(b) A physician who submits an application for renewal of a registration permit who does not designate a direct patient care practice shall not be required to complete continuing medical education on human trafficking under this section.

(c) The board shall:

(1) approve continuing medical education courses on human trafficking identification and assistance, including at least one course that is available without charge; and

1           (2) post a list of the approved courses on the board's  
2 Internet website.

3           (d) the board shall update the list of approved training  
4 courses described by Subsection (c) as necessary and consider for  
5 approval training courses conducted by health care facilities.

6           ~~[(b)]~~ (e) The board shall designate the human trafficking  
7 identification and assistance [prevention]course required by  
8 Subsection (a) as a medical ethics or professional responsibility  
9 course for purposes of complying with continuing medical education  
10 required by Section 156.051(a)(2).

11           (f) A physician subject to Subsection (a) must complete the  
12 continuing medical education required by Subsection (a) in the  
13 first renewal period following the issuance of the physician's  
14 initial registration permit under this chapter.

15           (g) After the period described by Subsection (f), a  
16 physician subject to Subsection (a) must complete not less than one  
17 hour of continuing medical education described by Subsection (a)  
18 every third renewal period. This subsection only applies if there  
19 is more than one course approved under Subsection (c).

20           ~~[(e)]~~ (h) The board shall adopt rules to implement this  
21 section.

22           (i) A physician subject to Subsection (a) also may satisfy  
23 the continuing medical education requirements of this section by  
24 completing not less than one hour of training course approved under  
25 Section 116.002. This subsection expires September 1, 2023.

26           (j) Notwithstanding Subsections (f) and (g), a physician  
27 who on September 1, 2021, holds a license to practice medicine under

1 this subtitle shall complete not less than one hour of continuing  
2 medical education described by Subsection (a) in the first renewal  
3 period occurring after that date. This subsection expires September  
4 1, 2022.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.