

Amend CSHB 1483 as follows:

(1) In ARTICLE 1 of the bill, insert an appropriately numbered SECTION to read as follows:

SECTION 1.____. Subchapter G, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 301.305 to read as follows:

Sec. 301.305. BIOTERRORISM RESPONSE COMPONENT IN CONTINUING EDUCATION. (a) As part of continuing education requirements under Section 301.303, a license holder shall participate during each two-year licensing period in at least two hours of continuing education relating to preparing for, reporting medical events resulting from, and responding to the consequences of an incident of bioterrorism.

(b) The continuing education required under Subsection (a) must be part of a program approved under Section 301.303(c).

(c) A license holder who does not comply with the continuing education required under Subsection (a) is subject only to one or both of the following sanctions:

(1) completion of the instruction in a period set by the board of 30 days or less; or

(2) an administrative penalty imposed under Subchapter K.

(d) A license holder who fails to comply with a sanction imposed under Subsection (c) is subject to any sanction imposed under Section 301.453 or Subchapter K.

(e) The board, in consultation with the Texas Department of Health, shall adopt rules establishing the content of the continuing education required under Subsection (a). The board may adopt other rules to implement this section, including rules under Section 301.303(c) for the approval of education programs and providers.

(f) The board may divide the content of the continuing education required under Subsection (a) into one-hour segments and may require that those segments be taken in a certain sequence.

(g) This section expires September 1, 2007.

(2) Renumber the SECTIONS of ARTICLE 1 of the bill appropriately.

(3) In ARTICLE 3 of the bill, insert an appropriately

numbered SECTION to read as follows:

SECTION 3.____. (a) Not later than June 1, 2004, the Board of Nurse Examiners shall adopt the rules required by Section 301.305, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

(b) A license holder may not be required to complete the continuing education requirements imposed by Section 301.305, Occupations Code, as added by this Act, before June 1, 2006.

(c) As part of the next review conducted under Section 301.003, Occupations Code, as amended by this Act, the Sunset Advisory Commission shall evaluate the necessity and effectiveness of mandating continuing education courses for nurses on specific topics.

(4) Renumber the SECTIONS of ARTICLE 3 of the bill appropriately.