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H.B. No. 1878

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to monitoring physicians' compliance with continuing
3 medical education requirements.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 156.051(a), Occupations Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) The board by rule shall adopt, monitor, and enforce a
8 reporting program for the continuing medical education of license
9 holders. The board shall adopt and administer rules that:

10 (1) establish the number of hours of continuing
11 medical education the board determines appropriate as a
12 prerequisite to the registration of a license under this subtitle;

13 (2) require at least one-half of the hours of
14 continuing medical education established under Subdivision (1) to
15 be board approved; and

16 (3) adopt a process that:

17 (A) requires [to assess a] license holders to
18 submit documentation to the board verifying compliance with
19 [holder's participation in] continuing medical education
20 requirements; and

21 (B) monitors each license holder's annual
22 compliance with continuing medical education requirements
23 [courses].

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.