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S.B. No. 1644

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continuing medical education for physicians  
prescribing controlled substances.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 156, Occupations Code, is  
amended by adding Section 156.058 to read as follows:

Sec. 156.058. CONTINUING EDUCATION IN PAIN MANAGEMENT AND  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PRESCRIBING. (a) A physician licensed under  
this subtitle who submits an application for renewal of a license to  
practice medicine and who is also registered with the Department of  
Public Safety under Subchapter C, Chapter 481, Health and Safety  
Code, must complete three hours of continuing medical education  
relating to:

(1) pain management using controlled substances and  
other methods; and

(2) the use of the Prescription Access in Texas  
database administered by the Department of Public Safety to monitor  
the dispensing history of patients.

(b) The hours of continuing education under this section are  
required in addition to the number of hours required to comply with  
Section 156.051 and apply to persons described by Section 156.052.

(c) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
to a physician whose registration under Chapter 156, Occupations

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1 Code, is renewed on or after the effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.