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H.B. No. 471

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to required suicide prevention training for certain health care practitioners.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0412 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0412. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING COURSES. (a) The commission, in consultation with the state agency responsible for licensing and regulating the applicable profession, shall approve suicide prevention training courses for purposes of Sections 156.060, 201.357, 204.159, 301.308, 453.256, 454.256, 501.305, 502.304, 503.357, 504.207, and 505.406, Occupations Code.

(b) A course approved under Subsection (a):

(1) must include training in suicide screening and referral; and

(2) may include, as applicable, training in:

(A) suicide assessment, other than screening and referral;

(B) suicide treatment; and

(C) suicide management.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 156, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Section 156.060 to read as follows:

Sec. 156.060. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) Each person licensed to practice medicine in this state shall complete

1 one hour of suicide prevention training approved by the Health and
2 Human Services Commission under Section 531.0412, Government Code.

3 (b) The board may not renew the registration permit of a
4 license holder who does not complete the training required by this
5 section.

6 SECTION 3. Subchapter H, Chapter 201, Occupations Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 201.357 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 201.357. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
9 holder shall complete one hour of suicide prevention training
10 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section
11 531.0412, Government Code.

12 (b) The board may not renew the license of a license holder
13 who has not completed the training required by this section.

14 SECTION 4. Subchapter D, Chapter 204, Occupations Code, is
15 amended by adding Section 204.159 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 204.159. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
17 holder shall complete one hour of suicide prevention training
18 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section
19 531.0412, Government Code.

20 (b) The physician assistant board may not renew the license
21 of a license holder who has not completed the training required by
22 this section.

23 SECTION 5. Subchapter G, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is
24 amended by adding Section 301.308 to read as follows:

25 Sec. 301.308. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
26 holder shall complete one hour of suicide prevention training
27 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section

1 531.0412, Government Code.

2 (b) The board may not renew the license of a license holder
3 who has not completed the training required by this section.

4 SECTION 6. Subchapter F, Chapter 453, Occupations Code, is
5 amended by adding Section 453.256 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 453.256. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
7 holder shall complete one hour of suicide prevention training
8 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section
9 531.0412, Government Code.

10 (b) The board may not renew the license of a license holder
11 who has not completed the training required by this section.

12 SECTION 7. Subchapter F, Chapter 454, Occupations Code, is
13 amended by adding Section 454.256 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 454.256. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
15 holder shall complete six hours of suicide prevention training
16 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section
17 531.0412, Government Code, in the six years preceding the date the
18 license holder applies for renewal.

19 (b) The board may not renew the license of a license holder
20 who does not complete the training required by this section.

21 (c) A license holder may complete the training required by
22 this section:

23 (1) as part of the continuing education program under
24 Section 454.254; and

25 (2) in more than one training session.

26 SECTION 8. Subchapter G, Chapter 501, Occupations Code, is
27 amended by adding Section 501.305 to read as follows:

1 Sec. 501.305. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
2 holder shall complete six hours of suicide prevention training
3 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section
4 531.0412, Government Code, in the six years preceding the date the
5 license holder applies for renewal.

6 (b) The board may not renew the license of a license holder
7 who does not complete the training required by this section.

8 (c) A license holder may complete the training required by
9 this section:

10 (1) as part of the continuing education program under
11 Section 501.304; and

12 (2) in more than one training session.

13 SECTION 9. Subchapter G, Chapter 502, Occupations Code, is
14 amended by adding Section 502.304 to read as follows:

15 Sec. 502.304. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
16 holder shall complete six hours of suicide prevention training
17 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section
18 531.0412, Government Code, in the six years preceding the date the
19 license holder applies for renewal.

20 (b) The board may not renew the license of a license holder
21 who does not complete the training required by this section.

22 (c) A license holder may complete the training required by
23 this section:

24 (1) as part of the continuing education program under
25 Section 502.303; and

26 (2) in more than one training session.

27 SECTION 10. Section 503.351, Occupations Code, is amended

1 to read as follows:

2 Sec. 503.351. RENEWAL; ELIGIBILITY. A person licensed
3 under this chapter may renew the license biennially if the person:

4 (1) is not in violation of this chapter when the person
5 applies for renewal; ~~and~~

6 (2) fulfills the continuing education requirements
7 established by the board; and

8 (3) fulfills the suicide prevention training
9 requirement of Section 503.357, as applicable.

10 SECTION 11. Subchapter H, Chapter 503, Occupations Code, is
11 amended by adding Section 503.357 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 503.357. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
13 holder shall complete six hours of suicide prevention training
14 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section
15 531.0412, Government Code, in the six years preceding the date the
16 license holder applies for renewal.

17 (b) The board may not renew the license of a license holder
18 who does not complete the training required by this section.

19 (c) A license holder may complete the training required by
20 this section:

21 (1) as part of the continuing education program under
22 Section 503.356; and

23 (2) in more than one training session.

24 SECTION 12. Section 504.202, Occupations Code, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 Sec. 504.202. NOTICE OF LICENSE EXPIRATION AND REQUIREMENTS
27 TO RENEW. Not later than the 31st day before the expiration date of

1 a person's license, the department shall send to the license holder
2 at the license holder's last known address according to department
3 records written notice of:

- 4 (1) the impending license expiration;
- 5 (2) the amount of the renewal fee; ~~and~~
- 6 (3) any continuing education required to renew the
7 license; and
- 8 (4) the suicide prevention training required to renew
9 the license, if applicable.

10 SECTION 13. Subchapter E, Chapter 504, Occupations Code, is
11 amended by adding Section 504.207 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 504.207. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
13 holder shall complete six hours of suicide prevention training
14 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section
15 531.0412, Government Code, in the six years preceding the date the
16 license holder applies for renewal.

17 (b) The department may not renew the license of a license
18 holder who does not complete the training required by this section.

19 (c) A license holder may complete the training required by
20 this section:

21 (1) as part of the continuing education program under
22 Section 504.205; and

23 (2) in more than one training session.

24 SECTION 14. Subchapter H, Chapter 505, Occupations Code, is
25 amended by adding Section 505.406 to read as follows:

26 Sec. 505.406. SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING. (a) A license
27 holder shall complete six hours of suicide prevention training

1 approved by the Health and Human Services Commission under Section
2 531.0412, Government Code, in the six years preceding the date the
3 license holder applies for renewal.

4 (b) The board may not renew the license of a license holder
5 who does not complete the training required by this section.

6 (c) A license holder may complete the training required by
7 this section:

8 (1) as part of the continuing education program under
9 Section 505.404; and

10 (2) in more than one training session.

11 SECTION 15. Not later than December 1, 2019, the Health and
12 Human Services Commission shall approve suicide prevention
13 training courses as required by Section 531.0412, Government Code,
14 as added by this Act.

15 SECTION 16. The changes in law made by this Act apply only
16 to the renewal of a license or registration permit on or after
17 January 1, 2021.

18 SECTION 17. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.