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H.B. No. 2454

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to continuing education requirements for certain health
3 professionals regarding pain management and the prescribing of
4 opioids.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 156.055, Occupations Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 156.055. CONTINUING EDUCATION IN PAIN MANAGEMENT AND
9 PRESCRIPTION OF OPIOIDS [~~TREATMENT~~]. A physician licensed under
10 this subtitle who submits an application for renewal of a license
11 that designates a direct patient care practice must complete, as
12 part of [~~and whose practice includes treating patients for pain is~~
13 ~~encouraged to include continuing medical education in pain~~
14 ~~treatment among~~] the hours of continuing medical education
15 completed to comply with Section 156.051(a)(2), not less than two
16 hours of continuing medical education regarding pain management and
17 opioid abuse, including education regarding the reasonable
18 standard of care in prescribing opioids and other addictive
19 controlled substances.

20 SECTION 2. Section 157.0513(a), Occupations Code, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 (a) The board, the Texas Board of Nursing, and the Texas
23 Physician Assistant Board shall jointly develop a process:

24 (1) to exchange information regarding the names,

1 locations, and license numbers of each physician, advanced practice
2 registered nurse, and physician assistant who has entered into a
3 prescriptive authority agreement;

4 (2) by which each board shall immediately notify the
5 other boards when a license holder of the board becomes the subject
6 of an investigation involving the delegation and supervision of
7 prescriptive authority, as well as the final disposition of any
8 such investigation; ~~and~~

9 (3) by which each board shall maintain and share a list
10 of the board's license holders who have been subject to a final
11 adverse disciplinary action for an act involving the delegation and
12 supervision of prescriptive authority; and

13 (4) to ensure that each advanced practice registered
14 nurse or physician assistant who has entered into a prescriptive
15 authority agreement authorizing the prescribing of opioids is
16 required to complete not less than two hours of continuing
17 education in each license renewal period regarding pain management
18 and opioid abuse, including education regarding the reasonable
19 standard of care in prescribing opioids and other addictive
20 controlled substances.

21 SECTION 3. Section 257.005, Occupations Code, is amended by
22 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

23 (b-1) The board shall require a licensed dentist whose
24 practice includes direct patient care to complete, for each
25 registration period, not less than two hours of board-approved
26 continuing education regarding pain management and opioid abuse,
27 including education regarding the reasonable standard of care in

1 prescribing opioids and other addictive controlled substances.

2 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act applies only
3 to an application for renewal of a registration permit or license
4 submitted on or after January 1, 2020. A renewal application
5 submitted before January 1, 2020, is governed by the law in effect
6 immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former
7 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.