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H.B. No. 2978

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to continuing education requirements for certain health care practitioners regarding ectopic pregnancy and pregnancy-related medical emergencies.

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

SECTION 1. Section 112.002, Occupations Code, is transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 112, Occupations Code, redesignated as Section 112.0501, Occupations Code, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 112.0501 [112.002]. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter [chapter] applies only to licensing entities and health care practitioners under Chapters 401, 453, and 454 and Subtitles B, C, D, E, F, and K.

SECTION 2. Chapter 112, Occupations Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Sec. 112.101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Continuing education course" means a course, clinic, forum, lecture, program, or seminar that an individual must complete in order to maintain or renew a license.

(2) "Ectopic pregnancy" has the meaning assigned by Section 245.002, Health and Safety Code.

(3) "Pregnancy-related medical emergency" means a life-threatening physical condition aggravated by, caused by, or

1 arising from pregnancy that places a pregnant woman in danger of
2 death or poses a serious risk of substantial impairment of a major
3 bodily function.

4 Sec. 112.102. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter applies only
5 to:

6 (1) a physician licensed under Subtitle B;

7 (2) a nurse licensed under Chapter 301;

8 (3) a physician assistant licensed under Chapter 204;

9 and

10 (4) a surgical assistant licensed under Chapter 206.

11 Sec. 112.103. CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE IN ECTOPIC
12 PREGNANCY AND PREGNANCY-RELATED MEDICAL EMERGENCIES. (a) A
13 license holder to whom this subchapter applies shall complete a
14 continuing education course in ectopic pregnancy and
15 pregnancy-related medical emergencies as prescribed by the
16 licensing entity that issued the license.

17 (b) A licensing entity that issues a license to which this
18 subchapter applies shall adopt rules establishing content, length,
19 and frequency requirements for a continuing education course
20 described by Subsection (a).

21 Sec. 112.104. CONTINUING EDUCATION COMPLIANCE REQUIRED FOR
22 LICENSE RENEWAL. Notwithstanding any other law, a licensing entity
23 may not renew the license of a license holder to whom this
24 subchapter applies unless the license holder has complied with the
25 continuing education requirements established by the licensing
26 entity under Section 112.103(b).

27 Sec. 112.105. RULES. A licensing entity that issues a

1 license to which this subchapter applies may adopt any rules
2 necessary to implement this subchapter.

3 SECTION 3. Not later than December 1, 2023, the Texas
4 Medical Board, Texas Board of Nursing, and Texas Physician
5 Assistant Board shall adopt the rules necessary to implement the
6 changes in law made by this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.