

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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REFERRED TO CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
MAY 2, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191),
2 entitled "An act providing for prescription drug monitoring;
3 creating the ABC-MAP Board; establishing the Achieving Better
4 Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program; and providing
5 for unlawful acts and penalties," providing for licensing
6 boards to require education in pain management and
7 prescribing practices of opioids.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191),
11 known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All
12 Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, is amended by adding a
13 section to read:

14 Section 9.1. Licensing boards to require education in pain
15 management and prescribing practices of opioids.

16 (a) General rule.--Except as otherwise provided for in
17 subsection (c), each licensing board in the Department of State
18 jurisdiction over professional licensees who are dispensers or
19 prescribers shall require:

1 (1) Individuals applying for an initial license or
2 certification issued by the licensing board, which license or
3 certification authorizes the licensee to be a dispenser or
4 prescriber, shall submit, no later than 12 months after
5 obtaining an initial license or certification, documentation
6 acceptable to the licensing board of the completion of at
7 least two hours of education in pain management and at least
8 two hours of education in the prescribing practices of
9 opioids. The education may occur as part of the applicants'
10 professional degree educational program.

11 (2) Dispensers and prescribers applying for the renewal
12 of a license or certification issued by the licensing board
13 to complete at least two hours of education in pain
14 management or two hours of education in the prescribing
15 practices of opioids as a portion of the total continuing
16 education required for biennial renewal.

17 (b) Consultation with department.--Each licensing board
18 shall, in consultation with the department, approve the
19 curricula for the pain management and prescribing practices of
20 opioids education.

21 (c) Exception.--The requirement in subsection (a)(2) shall
22 not apply to a dispenser or prescriber who is exempt from the
23 Drug Enforcement Administration's requirements for a
24 registration number under 21 CFR Ch. II (relating to Drug
25 Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice) and
26 applicable State law.

27 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.