

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MASSER, HEFFLEY, O'BRIEN, THOMAS, MILLARD, CORBIN, ROZZI, R. BROWN, TAYLOR, STEPHENS, READSHAW, COHEN, SNYDER AND FARRY, JANUARY 27, 2016

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 15, 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 addiction education. PROVIDING FOR <--
7 LICENSING BOARDS TO REQUIRE EDUCATION IN PAIN MANAGEMENT,
8 ADDICTION AND PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING PRACTICES FOR
9 OPIOIDS.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

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

16 Section 15. Licensing Boards to Require Addiction Education.

17 (a) General rule. Each licensing board in the Department of
18 State jurisdiction over professional licensees who are-
19 dispensers or prescribers shall require:

20 (1) Individuals applying for an initial license or

~~certification issued by the licensing board, which license or certification authorizes the licensee to be a dispenser or prescriber, shall submit documentation acceptable to the licensing board of the completion of at least three hours of addiction education. The addiction education may occur as part of the applicants' professional degree educational program.~~

~~(2) Dispensers and prescribers applying for the renewal of a license or certification issued by the licensing board to complete at least two hours of addiction education as a portion of the total continuing education required for biennial renewal.~~

~~(b) Consultation with department. Each licensing board shall, in consultation with the department, approve the curricula for the addiction education.~~

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

SECTION 1. THE ACT OF OCTOBER 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, NO.191), <--
KNOWN AS THE ACHIEVING BETTER CARE BY MONITORING ALL
PRESCRIPTIONS PROGRAM (ABC-MAP) ACT, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
SECTION TO READ:

SECTION 9.1. LICENSING BOARDS TO REQUIRE EDUCATION IN PAIN
MANAGEMENT, ADDICTION AND PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING
PRACTICES FOR OPIOIDS.

(A) GENERAL RULE.--EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN
SUBSECTION (C), EACH LICENSING BOARD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WITH JURISDICTION OVER PROFESSIONAL LICENSEES WHO ARE DISPENSERS
OR PRESCRIBERS SHALL REQUIRE:

(1) INDIVIDUALS APPLYING FOR AN INITIAL LICENSE OR
CERTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE LICENSING BOARD, WHICH LICENSE OR
CERTIFICATION AUTHORIZES THE LICENSEE TO BE A DISPENSER OR

1 PRESCRIBER, TO SUBMIT, NO LATER THAN 12 MONTHS AFTER
2 OBTAINING AN INITIAL LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION, DOCUMENTATION
3 ACCEPTABLE TO THE LICENSING BOARD OF THE COMPLETION OF AT
4 LEAST TWO HOURS OF EDUCATION IN PAIN MANAGEMENT OR
5 IDENTIFICATION OF ADDICTION AND AT LEAST TWO HOURS OF
6 EDUCATION IN THE PRACTICES OF PRESCRIBING OR DISPENSING OF
7 OPIOIDS. THE EDUCATION MAY OCCUR AS PART OF THE APPLICANTS'
8 PROFESSIONAL DEGREE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

9 (2) DISPENSERS AND PRESCRIBERS APPLYING FOR THE RENEWAL
10 OF A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION ISSUED BY THE LICENSING BOARD
11 TO COMPLETE AT LEAST TWO HOURS OF EDUCATION IN PAIN
12 MANAGEMENT, IDENTIFICATION OF ADDICTION OR THE PRACTICES OF
13 PRESCRIBING OR DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS AS A PORTION OF THE
14 TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED FOR BIENNIAL RENEWAL.

15 (B) CONSULTATION WITH DEPARTMENT.--EACH LICENSING BOARD
16 SHALL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, APPROVE THE
17 CURRICULA FOR THE PAIN MANAGEMENT, IDENTIFICATION OF ADDICTION
18 AND THE PRACTICES OF PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS
19 EDUCATION.

20 (C) EXCEPTION.--THE REQUIREMENT IN SUBSECTION (A) (2) SHALL
21 NOT APPLY TO A DISPENSER OR PRESCRIBER WHO IS EXEMPT FROM THE
22 DRUG ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION'S REQUIREMENTS FOR A
23 REGISTRATION NUMBER UNDER 21 CFR CH. II (RELATING TO DRUG
24 ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE) AND
25 APPLICABLE STATE LAW.

26 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 60 DAYS.