Mandatory opioid education.

Sponsored by: HDraft Committee

A BILL

for

AN ACT relating to opioid education; requiring specified boards to require continuing education related to prescribing opiates; and providing for an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. W.S. 33-15-109(c), 33-21-122(c)(xiv), 33-24-121(d)(intro) and 33-26-202(b)(xiv) are amended to read:


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(c) The board may set continuing education requirements for renewal certificates and relicensure certificates. In addition to any other continuing education requirements under this subsection, the board shall require three (3) hours of continuing education related to the responsible prescribing of opiates every two (2) years.

33-21-122. Board of nursing; powers and duties.

(c) Without limiting the foregoing, the board of nursing may do the following:

(xiv) Regulate by board rules and regulations the qualifications of advanced practice registered nurses. In addition to any other qualifications under this paragraph, the board shall require three (3) hours of continuing education related to the responsible prescribing of opiates every two (2) years.

33-24-121. Renewal license certificate; late fee; expiration upon failure to renew; reinstatement; continuing professional education requirement for renewal; reduction or exception determined by board.
(d) The board may require that any person applying for renewal in accordance with subsection (a) of this section shall satisfactorily complete not less than six (6) nor more than fifteen (15) contact hours or not less than three-fifths (3/5) of one (1) continuing education unit nor more than one and one-half (1 1/2) continuing education units of approved continuing pharmaceutical education courses each year. For purposes of this subsection, one (1) continuing education unit is equivalent to ten (10) contact hours. No hours or units used for one (1) year shall apply to any other year. The board shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to administer this subsection and may reduce or make exception to the requirements of this subsection for the initial year of application and for emergency or hardship cases. In addition to other continuing education requirements under this subsection, the board shall require three (3) hours of continuing education related to the responsible prescribing of opiates every two (2) years. The board may require a person licensed as an inactive pharmacist, who seeks to be licensed as an active pharmacist, to:

33-26-202. Board; duties; general powers.
(b) The board is empowered and directed to:

(xiv) Adopt, amend, repeal, enforce and promulgate reasonable rules and regulations necessary to implement and administer continuing medical education requirements of its licensees. **In addition to any other continuing medical education requirements, the board shall require three (3) hours of continuing medical education related to the responsible prescribing of opiates every two (2) years.**

Section 2. This act is effective July 1, 2019.