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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009—10 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2600

Introduced by Assembly Member Ma

February 19, 2010

~~An act to amend Section 1797 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to emergency medical services. An act to amend Section 2191 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to medicine.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2600, as amended, Ma. ~~Emergency medical services. Medicine:~~ *licensing: continuing education requirements.*

Existing law requires the Medical Board of California to establish continuing education requirements for physicians and surgeons, and requires the board to consider including various courses in determining its continuing education requirements.

This bill would, in addition, require the board to consider including a continuing education course in the diagnosis and treatment of hepatitis.

~~Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, authorizes each county to designate an emergency medical services agency, for the establishment and administration of an emergency medical services program in the county. Existing law also establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority, which, among other things, adopts regulations governing the provision of emergency medical services.~~

~~This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 2191 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 2191. (a) In determining its continuing education requirements,
4 the ~~Division of Licensing~~ board shall consider including a course
5 in human sexuality as defined in Section 2090 and nutrition to be
6 taken by those licensees whose practices may require knowledge
7 in those areas.
8 (b) The ~~division~~ board shall consider including a course in child
9 abuse detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose
10 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
11 abused or neglected children.
12 (c) The ~~division~~ board shall consider including a course in
13 acupuncture to be taken by those licensees whose practices may
14 require knowledge in the area of acupuncture and whose education
15 has not included instruction in acupuncture.
16 (d) The ~~division~~ board shall encourage every physician and
17 surgeon to take nutrition as part of his or her continuing education,
18 particularly a physician and surgeon involved in primary care.
19 (e) The ~~division~~ board shall consider including a course in elder
20 abuse detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose
21 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
22 abused or neglected persons 65 years of age and older.
23 (f) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
24 ~~division~~ board shall consider including a course in the early
25 detection and treatment of substance abusing pregnant women to
26 be taken by those licensees whose practices are of a nature that
27 there is a likelihood of contact with these women.
28 (g) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
29 ~~division~~ board shall consider including a course in the special care
30 needs of drug addicted infants to be taken by those licensees whose
31 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
32 these infants.
33 (h) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
34 ~~division~~ board shall consider including a course providing training
35 and guidelines on how to routinely screen for signs exhibited by

1 abused women, particularly for physicians and surgeons in
2 emergency, surgical, primary care, pediatric, prenatal, and mental
3 health settings. ~~In the event the division~~ *If the board* establishes a
4 requirement for continuing education coursework in spousal or
5 partner abuse detection or treatment, that requirement shall be met
6 by each licensee within no more than four years from the date the
7 requirement is imposed.

8 (i) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
9 ~~division~~ *board* shall consider including a course in the special care
10 needs of individuals and their families facing end-of-life issues,
11 including, but not limited to, all of the following:

- 12 (1) Pain and symptom management.
- 13 (2) The psycho-social dynamics of death.
- 14 (3) Dying and bereavement.
- 15 (4) Hospice care.

16 (j) In determining its ~~continuation~~ *continuing* education
17 requirements, the ~~division~~ *board* shall give its highest priority to
18 considering a course on pain management.

19 (k) *In determining its continuing education requirements, the*
20 *board shall consider including a course in the diagnosis and*
21 *treatment of hepatitis to be taken by those licensees whose practices*
22 *may require such knowledge.*

23 ~~SECTION 1. Section 1797 of the Health and Safety Code is~~
24 ~~amended to read:~~

25 ~~1797. This division shall be known, and may be cited, as the~~
26 ~~Emergency Medical Services System and the Prehospital~~
27 ~~Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act.~~