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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2214

Introduced by Assembly Member Fox

February 20, 2014

An act to amend Section 2191 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to physicians *and surgeons*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2214, as amended, Fox. Emergency room ~~physicians~~: *physicians and surgeons*: continuing medical education: geriatric care.

Existing law, *the Medical Practice Act*, provides for the licensure and regulation of physicians and surgeons by the Medical Board of California. Existing law requires the Division of Licensing of the Medical Board of California to establish continuing education requirements for physicians and surgeons.

This bill, ~~the Dolores H. Fox Act~~, would require the division, in determining continuing education requirements, to ~~include~~ *consider including* a course in geriatric care for emergency room physicians *and surgeons*.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the
- 2 Dolores H. Fox Act.
- 3 SEC. 2. Section 2191 of the Business and Professions Code is
- 4 amended to read:

1 2191. (a) In determining its continuing education requirements,
2 the Division of Licensing shall consider including a course in
3 human sexuality as defined in Section 2090 and nutrition to be
4 taken by those licensees whose practices may require knowledge
5 in those areas.

6 (b) The division shall consider including a course in child abuse
7 detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose
8 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
9 abused or neglected children.

10 (c) The division shall consider including a course in acupuncture
11 to be taken by those licensees whose practices may require
12 knowledge in the area of acupuncture and whose education has
13 not included instruction in acupuncture.

14 (d) The division shall encourage every physician and surgeon
15 to take nutrition as part of his or her continuing education,
16 particularly a physician and surgeon involved in primary care.

17 (e) The division shall consider including a course in elder abuse
18 detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose
19 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
20 abused or neglected persons 65 years of age and older.

21 (f) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
22 division shall consider including a course in the early detection
23 and treatment of substance abusing pregnant women to be taken
24 by those licensees whose practices are of a nature that there is a
25 likelihood of contact with these women.

26 (g) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
27 division shall consider including a course in the special care needs
28 of drug addicted infants to be taken by those licensees whose
29 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
30 these infants.

31 (h) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
32 division shall consider including a course providing training and
33 guidelines on how to routinely screen for signs exhibited by abused
34 women, particularly for physicians and surgeons in emergency,
35 surgical, primary care, pediatric, prenatal, and mental health
36 settings. In the event the division establishes a requirement for
37 continuing education coursework in spousal or partner abuse
38 detection or treatment, that requirement shall be met by each
39 licensee within no more than four years from the date the
40 requirement is imposed.

- 1 (i) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
2 division shall consider including a course in the special care needs
3 of individuals and their families facing end-of-life issues, including,
4 but not limited to, all of the following:
- 5 (1) Pain and symptom management.
 - 6 (2) The psycho-social dynamics of death.
 - 7 (3) Dying and bereavement.
 - 8 (4) Hospice care.
- 9 (j) In determining its ~~continuation~~ *continuing* education
10 requirements, the division shall give its highest priority to
11 considering a course on pain management.
- 12 (k) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
13 division shall ~~include~~ *consider including* a course in geriatric care
14 for emergency room physicians *and surgeons*.