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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 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. *Existing law abolishes the division, provides for the board to handle the responsibilities of the division, and deems a reference to the division to refer to the board.*

This bill would require the ~~division~~, board in determining continuing education requirements, to consider including a course in geriatric care for emergency room physicians and surgeons. *The bill would make nonsubstantive, technical, and conforming changes.*

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:

5 2191. (a) In determining its continuing education requirements,
6 the ~~Division of Licensing~~ *board* shall consider including a course
7 in human sexuality as defined in Section 2090 and nutrition to be
8 taken by those licensees whose practices may require knowledge
9 in those areas.

10 (b) The ~~division~~ *board* shall consider including a course in child
11 abuse detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose
12 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
13 abused or neglected children.

14 (c) The ~~division~~ *board* shall consider including a course in
15 acupuncture to be taken by those licensees whose practices may
16 require knowledge in the area of acupuncture and whose education
17 has not included instruction in acupuncture.

18 (d) The ~~division~~ *board* shall encourage every physician and
19 surgeon to take nutrition as part of his or her continuing education,
20 particularly a physician and surgeon involved in primary care.

21 (e) The ~~division~~ *board* shall consider including a course in elder
22 abuse detection and treatment to be taken by those licensees whose
23 practices are of a nature that there is a likelihood of contact with
24 abused or neglected persons 65 years of age and older.

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

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

35 (h) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
36 ~~division~~ *board* shall consider including a course providing training
37 and guidelines on how to routinely screen for signs exhibited by
38 abused women, particularly for physicians and surgeons in

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

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

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

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

18 (k) In determining its continuing education requirements, the
19 ~~division~~ *board* shall consider including a course in geriatric care
20 for emergency room physicians and surgeons.