

## Assembly Bill No. 2214

### CHAPTER 422

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

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2214, 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 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.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Dolores H. Fox Act.

SEC. 2. Section 2191 of the Business and Professions Code is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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