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SENATE BILL

No. 500

Introduced by Senator Lieu

February 21, 2013

An act to amend Section 2241.6 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 500, as amended, Lieu. Medical practice: pain management.

Existing law establishes the Medical Board of California within the Department of Consumer Affairs. Existing law, among other things, required the board to develop standards before June 1, 2002, to ensure the competent review in cases concerning the management, including, but not limited to, the undertreatment, undermedication, and overmedication of a patient's pain.

This bill would require the board, on or before July 1, 2015, to update those standards. The bill would require the board to convene a task force to develop and recommend the updated standards to the board. The bill would also require the board to update those standards on or before July 1 each 5th year thereafter.

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. Section 2241.6 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:

1 2241.6. (a) (1) The board shall develop standards before June
2 1, 2002, to ensure the competent review in cases concerning the
3 management, including, but not limited to, the undertreatment,
4 undermedication, and overmedication of a patient's pain.
5 (2) The ~~division~~ *board* may consult with entities such as the
6 American Pain Society, the American Academy of Pain Medicine,
7 the California Society of Anesthesiologists, the California Chapter
8 of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and any other
9 medical entity specializing in pain control therapies to develop the
10 standards utilizing, to the extent they are applicable, current
11 authoritative clinical practice guidelines.
12 (b) The board shall update the standards adopted pursuant to
13 subdivision (a) on or before July 1, 2015, and on or before July 1
14 each fifth year thereafter.
15 (c) The board shall convene a task force to develop and
16 recommend the updated standards to the board. The task force, in
17 developing the updated standards, ~~shall~~ *may* consult with the
18 entities specified in paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), the American
19 Cancer Society, *a physician who treats or evaluates patients as*
20 *part of the workers' compensation system*, and specialists in
21 pharmacology and addiction medicine.

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