

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 29, 2014

AMENDED IN SENATE JANUARY 9, 2014

AMENDED IN SENATE JANUARY 6, 2014

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 500**

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**Introduced by Senator Lieu**

February 21, 2013

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

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