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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 333

Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez

February 13, 2015

An act to add Section 856 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 333, as amended, Melendez. Healing arts: continuing education.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various healing arts licensees by various boards, as defined, within the Department of Consumer Affairs and imposes various continuing education requirements for license renewal.

This bill would allow specified healing arts licensees to apply one unit, as defined, of continuing education ~~credit~~ *credit*, once per renewal ~~eyele~~ *cycle*, towards any required continuing education units for attending certain courses that result in the licensee becoming a certified instructor of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) or the proper use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), and would allow specified healing arts licensees to apply up to 2 units of continuing education ~~credit~~ *credit*, once per renewal ~~eyele~~ *cycle*, towards any required continuing education units for conducting ~~board-approved~~ CPR or AED training sessions for employees of school districts and community college districts in the state. The bill would specify that these provisions would ~~not~~ *only* apply if a licensing board's laws or regulations

establishing continuing education requirements—~~exclude~~ *include* the courses or activities mentioned above.

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 856 is added to the Business and
2 Professions Code, to read:

3 856. (a) (1) A person licensed pursuant to this division who
4 is required to complete continuing education units as a condition
5 of renewing his or her license may, once per renewal cycle, apply
6 one unit of continuing education credit, pursuant to paragraph (2),
7 towards that requirement for attending a course that results in the
8 licensee becoming a certified instructor of cardiopulmonary
9 resuscitation (CPR) or the proper use of an automated external
10 defibrillator (AED).

11 (2) A licensee may only apply continuing education credit for
12 attending one of the following courses:

13 (A) An instructional program developed by the American Heart
14 Association.

15 (B) An instructional program developed by the American Red
16 Cross.

17 (C) An instructional program that is nationally recognized and
18 based on the most current national evidence-based emergency
19 cardiovascular care guidelines for the performance of CPR and
20 the use of an AED.

21 (b) ~~(1)~~—A person licensed pursuant to this division who is
22 required to complete continuing education units as a condition of
23 renewing his or her license may, once per renewal cycle, apply up
24 to two units of continuing education credit, pursuant to paragraph
25 (2); *credit* towards that requirement for conducting CPR or AED
26 training sessions for employees of school districts and community
27 college districts in the state.

28 ~~(2)~~—A licensee may only apply continuing education credit for
29 holding a training session if the training session is approved by
30 the applicable licensing board.

31 (c) For purposes of this section, “unit” means any measurement
32 for continuing education, such as hours or course credits.

1 (d) This section shall ~~not~~ *only* apply to a person licensed under
2 this division if the applicable licensing board's laws or regulations
3 establishing continuing education requirements ~~exclude~~ *include*
4 the courses or activities described in subdivisions (a) and (b).

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