

1-1 By: Smith, Guillen (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 2758
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 1-3 May 14, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Health &
 1-4 Human Services; May 20, 2021, reported favorably by the following
 1-5 vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to continuing education requirements for physicians
 1-20 regarding the identification and assistance of trafficked persons.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 156.060, Occupations Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 156.060. CONTINUING EDUCATION REGARDING THE
 1-25 IDENTIFICATION AND ASSISTANCE OF TRAFFICKED PERSONS ~~[IN HUMAN~~
 1-26 ~~TRAFFICKING PREVENTION]~~. (a) This section applies only to a
 1-27 physician who designates a direct patient care practice on an
 1-28 application for renewal of a registration permit.

1-29 (b) A physician licensed under this subtitle who submits an
 1-30 application for renewal of a registration permit ~~[and who~~
 1-31 ~~designates a direct patient care practice]~~ must complete at least
 1-32 one hour of continuing medical education under this section
 1-33 regarding the identification and assistance of trafficked persons:

1-34 (1) in the first renewal period following the issuance
 1-35 of the physician's initial registration permit under this chapter;
 1-36 and

1-37 (2) if the board approves more than one course under
 1-38 Subsection (d), at least once in every third renewal period
 1-39 following the renewal period described by Subdivision (1) [, as part
 1-40 of the hours of continuing medical education required for
 1-41 compliance with Section 156.051(a)(2), a human trafficking
 1-42 prevention course approved by the executive commissioner of the
 1-43 Health and Human Services Commission under Section 116.002].

1-44 (c) ~~[(b)]~~ The hours [board shall designate the human
 1-45 trafficking prevention course] required by Subsection (b):

1-46 (1) shall be designated by the board ~~[(a)]~~ as [a]
 1-47 medical ethics or professional responsibility education; and

1-48 (2) may be counted toward the hours of [course for
 1-49 purposes of complying with] continuing medical education required
 1-50 by Section 156.051(a)(2).

1-51 (d) ~~[(c)]~~ The board shall adopt rules to implement this
 1-52 section, including rules to establish the content of and approval
 1-53 requirements for continuing medical education relating to the
 1-54 identification and assistance of trafficked persons. In adopting
 1-55 rules, the board shall seek input from affected parties and review
 1-56 relevant courses, including courses that have been approved in
 1-57 other states. Rules adopted under this section must provide for the
 1-58 identification and approval of accredited continuing medical
 1-59 education courses that represent an appropriate spectrum of
 1-60 relevant information relating to the identification and assistance
 1-61 of trafficked persons.

2-1 (e) A physician may satisfy the requirement of Subsection
2-2 (b)(1) by completing at least one hour of a training course approved
2-3 by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services
2-4 Commission under Section 116.002. This subsection expires
2-5 September 1, 2023.

2-6 (f) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a physician who on
2-7 September 1, 2021, holds a license to practice medicine under this
2-8 subtitle shall complete at least one hour of continuing medical
2-9 education under this section regarding the identification and
2-10 assistance of trafficked persons. This subsection expires January
2-11 1, 2022.

2-12 SECTION 2. Section 156.060, Occupations Code, as amended by
2-13 this Act, applies only to an application for renewal of a
2-14 registration permit to practice medicine submitted on or after the
2-15 effective date of this Act. A renewal application submitted before
2-16 the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on
2-17 the date the application was submitted, and the former law is
2-18 continued in effect for that purpose.

2-19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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