

1-1 By: Paxton S.B. No. 415
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1-4 Services; March 20, 2023, reported favorably by the following
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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) must 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, 2025.

2-6 (f) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), a physician who on
2-7 September 1, 2023, 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, 2024.

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, 2023.

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