

AMENDMENTS TO LB788

Introduced by Health and Human Services.

1           1. Strike the original sections and insert the following new  
2 sections:

3           Section 1. Section 38-145, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
4 amended to read:

5           38-145 (1) The appropriate board shall establish continuing  
6 competency requirements for persons seeking renewal of a credential.

7           (2) The purposes of continuing competency requirements are to ensure  
8 (a) the maintenance by a credential holder of knowledge and skills  
9 necessary to competently practice his or her profession, (b) the  
10 utilization of new techniques based on scientific and clinical advances,  
11 and (c) the promotion of research to assure expansive and comprehensive  
12 services to the public.

13           (3) Each board shall consult with the department and the appropriate  
14 professional academies, professional societies, and professional  
15 associations in the development of such requirements.

16           (4)(a) For a profession for which there are no continuing education  
17 requirements on December 31, 2002, the requirements may include, but not  
18 be limited to, any one or a combination of the continuing competency  
19 activities listed in subsection (5) of this section.

20           (b) For a profession for which there are continuing education  
21 requirements on December 31, 2002, continuing education is sufficient to  
22 meet continuing competency requirements. The requirements may also  
23 include, but not be limited to, any one or a combination of the  
24 continuing competency activities listed in subdivisions (5)(b) through  
25 (5)(p) of this section which a credential holder may select as an  
26 alternative to continuing education.

27           (5) Continuing competency activities may include, but not be limited

1 to, any one or a combination of the following:

2 (a) Continuing education;

3 (b) Clinical privileging in an ambulatory surgical center or  
4 hospital as defined in section 71-405 or 71-419;

5 (c) Board certification in a clinical specialty area;

6 (d) Professional certification;

7 (e) Self-assessment;

8 (f) Peer review or evaluation;

9 (g) Professional portfolio;

10 (h) Practical demonstration;

11 (i) Audit;

12 (j) Exit interviews with consumers;

13 (k) Outcome documentation;

14 (l) Testing;

15 (m) Refresher courses;

16 (n) Inservice training;

17 (o) Practice requirement; or

18 (p) Any other similar modalities.

19 (6) Beginning with the first license renewal period which begins on  
20 or after October 1, 2018, the continuing competency requirements for a  
21 nurse midwife, dentist, physician, physician assistant, nurse  
22 practitioner, podiatrist, and veterinarian who prescribes controlled  
23 substances shall include at least five hours of continuing education  
24 biennially regarding prescribing opiates as defined in section 28-401.  
25 The continuing education may include education regarding prescribing and  
26 administering opiates, the risks and indicators regarding development of  
27 addiction to opiates, and emergency opiate situations. One-half hour of  
28 the five hours of continuing education shall cover the prescription drug  
29 monitoring program described in sections 71-2454 to 71-2456. This  
30 subsection terminates on January 1, 2029.

31 Sec. 2. Original section 38-145, Reissue Revised Statutes of

1 Nebraska, is repealed.