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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Uniform Credentialing Act; to amend
- 2 section 38-145, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require
- 3 continuing education regarding opiates as prescribed; and to repeal
- 4 the original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

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

3 38-145 (1) The appropriate board shall establish continuing
4 competency requirements for persons seeking renewal of a credential.

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

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

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

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

25 (5) Continuing competency activities may include, but not be limited
26 to, any one or a combination of the following:

27 (a) Continuing education;

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

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

31 (d) Professional certification;

- 1 (e) Self-assessment;
- 2 (f) Peer review or evaluation;
- 3 (g) Professional portfolio;
- 4 (h) Practical demonstration;
- 5 (i) Audit;
- 6 (j) Exit interviews with consumers;
- 7 (k) Outcome documentation;
- 8 (l) Testing;
- 9 (m) Refresher courses;
- 10 (n) Inservice training;
- 11 (o) Practice requirement; or
- 12 (p) Any other similar modalities.

13 (6) Beginning with the first license renewal period which begins on
14 or after October 1, 2018, the continuing competency requirements for a
15 nurse midwife, nurse anesthetist, dentist, physician, physician
16 assistant, nurse practitioner, podiatrist, and veterinarian shall include
17 at least five hours of continuing education biennially regarding
18 prescribing opiates as defined in section 28-401. The continuing
19 education may include education regarding prescribing and administering
20 opiates, the risks and indicators regarding development of addiction to
21 opiates, and emergency opiate situations. Two of the five hours of
22 continuing education shall cover the prescription drug monitoring program
23 described in sections 71-2454 to 71-2456.

24 Sec. 2. Original section 38-145, Reissue Revised Statutes of
25 Nebraska, is repealed.