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An Act to Amend the Opioid Education Requirements

Reference to the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative NUTTING of Oakland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

- **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2210, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §13, is amended to read:
- **4. Continuing education.** By December 31, 2017, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete 3 hours of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. Beginning December 31, 2023, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete one hour of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. The board shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
- **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2600-C, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §17, is amended to read:
- **4. Continuing education.** By December 31, 2017, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete 3 hours of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. Beginning December 31, 2023, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete one hour of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. The board shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
- **Sec. 3. 32 MRSA §3300-F, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §20, is amended to read:
- **4. Continuing education.** By December 31, 2017, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete 3 hours of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. Beginning December 31, 2023, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete one hour of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. The board shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
- **Sec. 4. 32 MRSA §3657, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §23, is amended to read:
- **4. Continuing education.** By December 31, 2017, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete 3 hours of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. Beginning December 31, 2023, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete one hour of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. The board shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
- **Sec. 5. 32 MRSA §18308, sub-§4,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 488, §32, is amended to read:

4. Continuing education. By December 31, 2017, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete 3 hours of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. Beginning December 31, 2023, an individual licensed under this chapter must successfully complete one hour of continuing education every 2 years on the prescription of opioid medication as a condition of prescribing opioid medication. The board shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

SUMMARY

This bill reduces the number of hours of continuing education on the prescription of opioid medication a health care provider who prescribes opioid medication must complete from 3 hours every 2 years to one hour every 2 years.