

HB2376



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/17/2021, by Rep. Theresa Mah

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 60/20

from Ch. 111, par. 4400-20

Amends the Medical Practice Act of 1987. Provides that rules adopted by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation establishing continuing education requirements shall require that licensees complete a course in maternal mental health that addresses specified topics. Effective immediately.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Medical Practice Act of 1987 is amended by
5 changing Section 20 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 60/20) (from Ch. 111, par. 4400-20)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2022)

8 Sec. 20. Continuing education. The Department shall
9 promulgate rules of continuing education for persons licensed
10 under this Act that require an average of 50 hours of
11 continuing education per license year. The rules shall require
12 that licensees complete a course in maternal mental health
13 that addresses the following: (1) best practices in screening
14 for maternal mental health disorders, including cultural
15 competency and unintended bias as a means to build trust with
16 mothers; (2) the range of maternal mental health disorders;
17 (3) the range of evidence-based treatment options, including
18 the importance of allowing a mother to be involved in
19 developing the treatment plan; and (4) when an obstetrician or
20 a primary care doctor should consult with a psychiatrist
21 versus making a referral. These rules shall be consistent with
22 requirements of relevant professional associations, specialty
23 societies, or boards. The rules shall also address variances

1 in part or in whole for good cause, including, but not limited
2 to, temporary illness or hardship. In establishing these
3 rules, the Department shall consider educational requirements
4 for medical staffs, requirements for specialty society board
5 certification or for continuing education requirements as a
6 condition of membership in societies representing the 2
7 categories of licensee under this Act. These rules shall
8 assure that licensees are given the opportunity to participate
9 in those programs sponsored by or through their professional
10 associations or hospitals which are relevant to their
11 practice. Each licensee is responsible for maintaining records
12 of completion of continuing education and shall be prepared to
13 produce the records when requested by the Department.

14 (Source: P.A. 97-622, eff. 11-23-11.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
16 becoming law.