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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, AVELLA, MONTGOMERY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to continuing medical education for doctors, nurses and pharmacists

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Michael  
2 David Israel physician training law".

3 § 2. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6524-a to  
4 read as follows:

5 § 6524-a. Mandatory continuing medical education. 1. All physicians,  
6 in order to maintain their license in good standing, must complete three  
7 hours of continuing medical education on the prescription of opiate  
8 analgesics and psychotropic drugs and the risks of addiction in their  
9 administration. The classes shall be taught and administered by the  
10 office of the professions according to regulations set by the commis-  
11 sioner and shall focus on the prevention, treatment and mitigation of  
12 such addictions.

13 2. For purposes of this section:

14 a. "opiate analgesics" shall mean the medicines buprenorphine, butor-  
15 phanol, codeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, levorphanol, meperidine,  
16 methadone, morphine, nalbuphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, pentazocine and  
17 propoxyphene as well as their brand names, isomers and combinations.

18 b. "psychotropic drugs" shall mean any drug or medicine that affects  
19 mental activity, behavior or perception including anti-psychotics, anti-  
20 depressants, anti-anxiety drugs or anxiolytics and hypnotics.

21 § 3. The education law is amended by adding a new section 6905-a to  
22 read as follows:

23 § 6905-a. Mandatory continuing medical education. 1. All registered  
24 professional nurses, in order to maintain their license in good stand-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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ing, must complete three hours of continuing medical education on the prescription of opiate analgesics and psychotropic drugs and the risks of addiction in their administration. The classes shall be taught and administered by the office of the professions according to regulations set by the commissioner and shall focus on the prevention, treatment and mitigation of such addictions.

2. For purposes of this section:

a. "opiate analgesics" shall mean the medicines buprenorphine, butorphanol, codeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, levorphanol, meperidine, methadone, morphine, nalbuphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, pentazocine and propoxyphene as well as their brand names, isomers and combinations.

b. "psychotropic drugs" shall mean any drug or medicine that affects mental activity, behavior or perception including anti-psychotics, anti-depressants, anti-anxiety drugs or anxiolytics and hypnotics.

§ 4. Section 6604-a of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 7 to read as follows:

7. (a) All dentists, in order to maintain their license in good standing, must complete three hours of continuing medical education on the prescription of opiate analgesics and psychotropic drugs and the risks of addiction in their administration. The classes shall be taught and administered by the office of the professions according to regulations set by the commissioner and shall focus on the prevention, treatment and mitigation of such addictions.

(b) For purposes of this section:

i. "opiate analgesics" shall mean the medicines buprenorphine, butorphanol, codeine, hydrocodone, hydromorphone, levorphanol, meperidine, methadone, morphine, nalbuphine, oxycodone, oxymorphone, pentazocine and propoxyphene as well as their brand names, isomers and combinations; and

ii. "psychotropic drugs" shall mean any drug or medicine that affects mental activity, behavior or perception including antipsychotics, anti-depressants, anti-anxiety drugs or anxiolytics and hypnotics.

§ 5. This act shall take effect immediately, provided however, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made on or before such effective date.