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Introduced by M. of A. BURKE -- read once and referred 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-
25 ing, must complete three hours of continuing medical education on the

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

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1 prescription of opiate analgesics and psychotropic drugs and the risks
2 of addiction in their administration. The classes shall be taught and
3 administered by the office of the professions according to regulations
4 set by the commissioner and shall focus on the prevention, treatment and
5 mitigation of such addictions.

6 2. For purposes of this section:

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

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

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

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

23 (b) For purposes of this section:

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

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

31 § 5. This act shall take effect immediately.