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AN ACT to amend and reenact §30-1-7a of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to continuing education requirements for licensed healthcare professionals on the subject of end-of-life care training, including pain management coursework.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That §30-1-7a of the code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE  
BOARDS OF EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION  
REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.**

**§30-1-7a. Continuing education.**

- 1 (a) Each board referred to in this chapter shall establish
- 2 continuing education requirements as a prerequisite to license

3 renewal. Each board shall develop continuing education criteria  
4 appropriate to its discipline, which shall include, but not be  
5 limited to, course content, course approval, hours required and  
6 reporting periods.

7 (b)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or  
8 the provision of any rule to the contrary, each person issued a  
9 license to practice medicine and surgery or a license to practice  
10 podiatry or a license as a physician assistant by the West  
11 Virginia board of medicine, each person licensed as a pharma-  
12 cist by the West Virginia board of pharmacy, each person  
13 licensed to practice registered professional nursing or licensed  
14 as an advanced nurse practitioner by the West Virginia board of  
15 examiners for registered professional nurses, each person  
16 licensed as a licensed practical nurse by the West Virginia state  
17 board of examiners for licensed practical nurses and each  
18 person licensed to practice medicine and surgery as an osteo-  
19 pathic physician and surgeon or certified as an osteopathic  
20 physician assistant by the West Virginia board of osteopathy  
21 shall complete two hours of continuing education coursework  
22 in the subject of end-of-life care including pain management  
23 during each continuing education reporting period through the  
24 reporting period ending the thirtieth day of June, two thousand  
25 five. The two hours shall be part of the total hours of continuing  
26 education required by each board by rule and not two additional  
27 hours.

28 (2) Effective as of the reporting period beginning the first  
29 day of July, two thousand five, the coursework requirement  
30 imposed by this subsection will become a one-time require-  
31 ment, and all licensees who have not completed the coursework  
32 requirement shall complete the coursework requirement prior  
33 to his or her first license renewal.

That Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

*Alley*  
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Chairman Senate Committee

*Jason Spencer*  
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Chairman House Committee

Originating in the House.

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*Darrell E. Williams*  
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Clerk of the Senate

*Bryce W. Barr*  
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Clerk of the House of Delegates

*Carl Row Tomblin*  
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~~President of the Senate~~

*Robert L. Kiss*  
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Speaker of the House of Delegates

The within is approved this the 4<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 2004.

*Bob Wise*  
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Governor

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