

The Florida Senate  
**HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY**

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BILL: CS/CS/HB 557 (CS/CS/SB 840)

INTRODUCER: Health and Human Services Committee; Health Quality Subcommittee; and Rep. Duran and others (Rules; Governmental Oversight and Accountability; Health Policy; and Senator Clemens)

SUBJECT: Controlled Substance Prescribing

DATE: May 3, 2017

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**I. Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1 - 456491 to Senate Amendment 1 - 490720** (body with title)

**II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:**

**House Amendment 1** removes the requirement for allopathic and osteopathic physicians who prescribe controlled substances to complete a 2-hour continuing medical education course offered by a statewide professional association of physicians in this state on the current standards regarding opiate prescribing and alternatives to these standards, and information on the risks of opioid addiction following even brief periods of treatment in the management of acute pain. The course must be completed by December 31, 2017, and then effective January 1, 2020, it is required as a condition of biennial licensure renewal.