

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senators Latvala and Sobel

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to instruction on human trafficking;  
3 amending s. 456.031, F.S.; providing that certain  
4 licensing boards must require specified licensees to  
5 complete a specified continuing education course that  
6 includes a section on human trafficking as a condition  
7 of relicensure or recertification; providing  
8 requirements and procedures related to the course;  
9 providing an effective date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13 Section 1. Section 456.031, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
14 read:

15 456.031 Requirement for instruction on domestic violence  
16 and human trafficking.-

17 (1) (a) The appropriate board shall require each person  
18 licensed or certified under chapter 458, chapter 459, part I of  
19 chapter 464, chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 490, or chapter  
20 491 to complete a 2-hour continuing education course, approved  
21 by the board, on domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28, and  
22 on human trafficking, as defined in s. 787.06(2), as part of  
23 every third biennial relicensure or recertification.

24 1. The domestic violence section of the course must ~~shall~~  
25 consist of data and information on the number of patients in  
26 that professional's practice who are likely to be victims of  
27 domestic violence and the number who are likely to be  
28 perpetrators of domestic violence, screening procedures for  
29 determining whether a patient has any history of being either a  
30 victim or a perpetrator of domestic violence, and instruction on  
31 how to provide such patients with information on, or how to

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32 refer such patients to, resources in the local community, such  
33 as domestic violence centers and other advocacy groups, that  
34 provide legal aid, shelter, victim counseling, batterer  
35 counseling, or child protection services.

36 2. The human trafficking section of the course must consist  
37 of data and information on the types of human trafficking, such  
38 as labor and sex, and the extent of human trafficking; factors  
39 that place a person at greater risk for being a victim of human  
40 trafficking; management of medical records of patients who are  
41 human trafficking victims; patient safety and security; public  
42 and private social services available for rescue, food,  
43 clothing, and shelter referrals; hotlines for reporting human  
44 trafficking maintained by the National Human Trafficking  
45 Resource Center and the United States Department of Homeland  
46 Security; validated assessment tools for identifying human  
47 trafficking victims and general indicators that a person may be  
48 a victim of human trafficking; procedures for sharing  
49 information related to human trafficking with a patient; and  
50 referral options for legal and social services.

51 (b) Each ~~such~~ licensee or certificateholder shall submit  
52 confirmation of having completed the continuing education ~~such~~  
53 course, on a form provided by the board, when submitting fees  
54 for every third biennial relicensure or recertification ~~renewal~~.

55 (c) The board may approve additional equivalent courses  
56 that may be used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a).  
57 Each licensing board that requires a licensee to complete a  
58 continuing ~~an~~ educational course pursuant to this subsection may  
59 include the hour required for completion of the course in the  
60 total hours of continuing education required by law for the ~~such~~

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61 profession, unless the continuing education requirements for the  
62 ~~such~~ profession consist of fewer than 30 hours of continuing  
63 education biennially.

64 (d) Any person holding two or more licenses subject to ~~the~~  
65 ~~provisions of~~ this subsection shall be permitted to show proof  
66 of completion of ~~having taken~~ one board-approved course on  
67 domestic violence and human trafficking, for purposes of  
68 relicensure or recertification for additional licenses.

69 (e) Failure to comply with the requirements of this  
70 subsection shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action  
71 under each respective practice act and under s. 456.072(1)(k).  
72 In addition to discipline by the board, the licensee shall be  
73 required to complete the board-approved ~~such~~ course under this  
74 subsection.

75 (2) Each board may adopt rules to carry out the provisions  
76 of this section.

77 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016.