

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 869

2024 Regular Session

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HEALTH/SICKLE CELL ANEM: Requires continuing education for the treatment of sickle cell disease for physicians and physician assistants

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changes the duration of the initial sickle cell disease continuing education course required for a physician or physician assistant practicing emergency medicine from three hours to one hour.
2. Requires the La. State Bd. of Medical Examiners to make the sickle cell disease continuing education course available on its website.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law states that the La. State Bd. of Medical Examiners (LSBME) has the authority to establish and determine by rule minimum requirements relative to continuing education for the renewal or reinstatement of any license issued by the board.

Proposed law adds that LSBME shall require physicians and physician assistants licensed by LSBME and practicing emergency medicine to complete an initial one-hour continuing education course on the treatment of sickle cell disease followed by a one-hour refresher course no less frequently than every three years.

Proposed law requires LSBME to approve the sickle cell continuing education course and make it available on LSBME's website.

(Amends R.S. 37:1270(A)(8))