

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 869

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

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1270(A)(8), relative to continuing education requirements for
3 certain physicians and physician assistants; to provide for the treatment of sickle cell
4 disease; to provide for the duties of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners;
5 to require continuing education for the treatment of sickle cell disease; and to
6 provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 37:1270(A)(8) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §1270. Duties and powers of the board

10 A. The board shall:

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12 (8) Have the authority to establish and determine by rule minimum
13 requirements relative to continuing education for the renewal or reinstatement of any
14 license or permit issued by the board, except the board shall require physicians and
15 physician assistants practicing emergency medicine to complete an initial three-hour
16 continuing education course on the treatment of sickle cell disease. Thereafter, a
17 physician and physician assistant practicing emergency medicine shall complete a
18 one-hour refresher course at regular intervals no less frequently than every three
19 years. The course shall be approved by the board.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that the La. State Bd. of Medical Examiners will require emergency medicine physicians and physician assistants to obtain continuing education on the treatment of sickle cell disease.

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 the LSBME shall require physicians and physician assistants practicing emergency medicine to complete an initial three-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.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Provide that a physician and a physician assistant shall be required to take an initial 3-hour course on the treatment of sickle cell disease followed by a refresher course no less frequently than every three years.