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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to medical practice; creating s. 458.3094, F.S.; requiring the Board of Medicine to adopt rules requiring physician training in cultural competency; specifying rules related to required training for students in colleges of medicine in this state and for physicians licensed in this state; providing exceptions; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Section 458.3094, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

458.3094 Requirements for training in cultural competency.--

(1) The Board of Medicine shall adopt rules for physician training in cultural competency which include the following requirements:

(a) The curriculum in each college of medicine in this state must include instruction in cultural competency which is designed to address race and gender-based disparities in medical treatment decisions. The rules shall be developed in consultation with the Association of American Medical Colleges or another nationally recognized organization that reviews medical school curricula.

(b) A medical student must complete training in cultural competency before he or she may receive a diploma from a college of medicine in this state.

(c) A college of medicine that provides instruction in cultural competency must also offer cultural competency

1 training as continuing medical education. The training may be
2 provided through classroom instruction, workshops, or other
3 educational programs sponsored by the college which meet
4 criteria established by the board.

5 (d) A physician licensed to practice medicine in this
6 state who has not completed instruction in cultural competency
7 as part of a medical school curriculum must, as a condition of
8 relicensure, complete training in cultural competency which is
9 offered pursuant to this section by July 1, 2009.

10 (2) The board may waive the educational requirements
11 of this section if an applicant for relicensure demonstrates
12 that he or she has received the substantial equivalent of this
13 requirement through completion of a similar course in
14 postsecondary education which meets criteria established by
15 the board.

16 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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19 SENATE SUMMARY

20 Requires the Board of Medicine to adopt rules requiring
21 cultural competency training for medical students and
22 physicians in this state. (See bill for details.)
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