

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to medical practice; creating s. 458.3094,
 3 F.S.; requiring the Board of Medicine to adopt rules
 4 requiring physician training in cultural competency;
 5 specifying rules related to required training for students
 6 in colleges of medicine in this state and for physicians
 7 licensed in this state; providing exceptions; providing an
 8 effective date.

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

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

14 458.3094 Requirements for training in cultural
 15 competency.--

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

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

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

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29 (c) A college of medicine that provides instruction in
30 cultural competency must also offer cultural competency training
31 as continuing medical education. The training may be provided
32 through classroom instruction, workshops, or other educational
33 programs sponsored by the college which meet criteria
34 established by the board.

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

40 (2) The board may waive the educational requirements of
41 this section if an applicant for relicensure demonstrates that
42 he or she has received the substantial equivalent of this
43 requirement through completion of a similar course in
44 postsecondary education which meets criteria established by the
45 board.

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