

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to human trafficking; creating s.
 3 456.0315, F.S.; requiring certain licensing boards to
 4 require a continuing education course on human
 5 trafficking for specified licensees; providing
 6 requirements and procedures related to the course;
 7 providing that failure to complete the course is
 8 grounds for disciplinary action; providing penalties;
 9 providing rulemaking authority; providing an effective
 10 date.

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

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 14 Section 1. Section 456.0315, Florida Statutes, is created
 15 to read:

16 456.0315 Requirement for instruction on human
 17 trafficking.-

18 (1) (a) The appropriate board shall require each person
 19 licensed or certified under chapter 458 or chapter 459 to
 20 complete a 1-hour continuing education course, approved by the
 21 board, on human trafficking, as defined in s. 787.06(2), as part
 22 of every third biennial relicensure or recertification. The
 23 course shall consist of information on the extent of labor and
 24 sex trafficking; risk factors and indicators to recognize
 25 trafficking victims; patient safety and security; management of
 26 medical records of patients who are trafficking victims; public

27 and private social services available for rescue, food,
28 clothing, and shelter referrals; hotlines for reporting human
29 trafficking maintained by the National Human Trafficking
30 Resource Center and the Department of Homeland Security;
31 validated assessment tools for the identification of trafficking
32 victims; procedures for sharing information related to human
33 trafficking with a patient; and referral options for legal and
34 social services as appropriate.

35 (b) Each licensee or certificateholder shall submit
36 confirmation of having completed the continuing education
37 course, on a form provided by the board, when submitting fees
38 for every third biennial renewal.

39 (c) The board may approve additional equivalent courses
40 that may be used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a).
41 Each licensing board that requires a licensee to complete a
42 continuing education course pursuant to this subsection may
43 include the hour required for completion of the course in the
44 total hours of continuing education required by law for such
45 profession, unless the continuing education requirements for
46 such profession consist of fewer than 30 hours biennially.

47 (d) Any person holding two or more licenses subject to the
48 provisions of this subsection shall be permitted to show proof
49 of having taken one board-approved course on human trafficking
50 for purposes of relicensure or recertification for additional
51 licenses.

52 (e) Failure to comply with the requirements of this

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53 subsection shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action
54 under chapter 458 or chapter 459 and s. 456.072(1)(k). In
55 addition to discipline by the board, the licensee shall be
56 required to complete such course.

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

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