

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to instruction on human trafficking;  
 3           amending s. 456.031, F.S.; deleting the requirement  
 4           for instruction on domestic violence; providing that  
 5           certain licensing boards require specified licensees  
 6           to complete a specified continuing education course on  
 7           human trafficking as a condition of relicensure or  
 8           recertification; providing requirements and procedures  
 9           related to the course; providing an effective date.

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

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 13           Section 1. Section 456.031, Florida Statutes, is amended  
 14   to read:

15           456.031 Requirement for instruction on human trafficking  
 16   ~~domestic violence.~~

17           (1) (a) 1. The appropriate board shall require each person  
 18   licensed or certified under chapter 458, chapter 459, part I of  
 19   chapter 464, chapter 466, chapter 467, chapter 490, or chapter  
 20   491 to complete a 2-hour continuing education course, approved  
 21   by the board, ~~on domestic violence, as defined in s. 741.28,~~ on  
 22   human trafficking, as defined in s. 787.06(2), as part of a  
 23   ~~every third~~ biennial relicensure or recertification. ~~The course~~  
 24   ~~shall consist of information on the number of patients in that~~  
 25   ~~professional's practice who are likely to be victims of domestic~~

26 ~~violence and the number who are likely to be perpetrators of~~  
27 ~~domestic violence, screening procedures for determining whether~~  
28 ~~a patient has any history of being either a victim or a~~  
29 ~~perpetrator of domestic violence, and instruction on how to~~  
30 ~~provide such patients with information on, or how to refer such~~  
31 ~~patients to, resources in the local community, such as domestic~~  
32 ~~violence centers and other advocacy groups, that provide legal~~  
33 ~~aid, shelter, victim counseling, batterer counseling, or child~~  
34 ~~protection services.~~

35 2. The course must consist of data and information on the  
36 types of human trafficking, such as labor and sex, and the  
37 extent of human trafficking; factors that place a person at  
38 greater risk for being a victim of human trafficking; public and  
39 private social services available for rescue, food, clothing,  
40 and shelter referrals; hotlines for reporting human trafficking  
41 maintained by the National Human Trafficking Resource Center and  
42 the United States Department of Homeland Security; validated  
43 assessment tools for identifying human trafficking victims and  
44 general indicators that a person may be a victim of human  
45 trafficking; procedures for sharing information related to human  
46 trafficking with a patient; and referral options for legal and  
47 social services.

48 (b) Each ~~such~~ licensee or certificateholder shall submit  
49 confirmation of having completed the continuing education such  
50 course, on a form provided by the board, or through electronic

51 transmission for relicensure or recertification ~~when submitting~~  
52 ~~fees for every third biennial renewal.~~

53 (c) The board may approve additional equivalent courses  
54 that may be used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a).  
55 Each licensing board that requires a licensee to complete a  
56 continuing ~~an~~ educational course pursuant to this subsection may  
57 include the hour required for completion of the course in the  
58 total hours of continuing education required by law for the ~~such~~  
59 profession ~~unless the continuing education requirements for such~~  
60 ~~profession consist of fewer than 30 hours biennially.~~

61 (d) Any person holding two or more licenses subject to ~~the~~  
62 ~~provisions of~~ this subsection shall be permitted to show proof  
63 of completion of ~~having taken~~ one board-approved course on human  
64 trafficking ~~domestic violence~~, for purposes of relicensure or  
65 recertification for additional licenses.

66 (e) Failure to comply with the requirements of this  
67 subsection shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action  
68 under each respective practice act and under s. 456.072(1)(k).  
69 In addition to discipline by the board, the licensee shall be  
70 required to complete the board-approved ~~such~~ course under this  
71 subsection.

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

74 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2018.