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Senator Thurston moved the following:

1 **Senate Amendment to Amendment (397172) (with title**
2 **amendment)**

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4 Delete lines 83 - 111

5 and insert:

6 (1) (a) If not already required by the licensee's practice
7 act, the appropriate board shall require each person registered
8 with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and
9 authorized to prescribe controlled substances pursuant to 21
10 U.S.C. s. 822 to complete a board-approved 2-hour continuing
11 education course on prescribing controlled substances as part of



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12 biennial license renewal. The course must include information on
13 the current standards for prescribing controlled substances,
14 particularly opiates; alternatives to these standards;
15 nonpharmacological therapies; prescribing emergency opioid
16 antagonists; and the risks of opioid addiction following all
17 stages of treatment in the management of acute pain. The course
18 may be offered in a distance learning format and must be
19 included within the number of continuing education hours
20 required by law. The department may not renew the license of any
21 prescriber registered with the United States Drug Enforcement
22 Administration to prescribe controlled substances who has failed
23 to complete the course. When required by this paragraph, the
24 course must be completed by January 31, 2019, and at each
25 subsequent renewal.

26 (b) Each such licensee shall submit confirmation of having
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29 And the title is amended as follows:

30 Delete lines 3886 - 3888

31 and insert:

32 specified circumstances; requiring