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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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Representative Sirois offered the following:

**Amendment (with title amendment)**

Remove line 46 and insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (3) of section 381.986, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

381.986 Medical use of marijuana.—

(3) QUALIFIED PHYSICIANS AND MEDICAL DIRECTORS.—

(a) Before being approved as a qualified physician, as defined in paragraph (1)(m), and before each license renewal, a physician must successfully complete a 2-hour course and subsequent examination approved by the Board of Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Medicine ~~offered by the Florida Medical~~

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14 ~~Association or the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association which~~  
15 ~~encompass the requirements of this section and any rules adopted~~  
16 ~~hereunder.~~ The course and examination shall be administered at  
17 least annually and may be offered in a distance learning format,  
18 including an electronic, online format that is available upon  
19 request. The price of the course may not exceed \$500. A  
20 physician who has met the physician education requirements of  
21 former s. 381.986(4), Florida Statutes 2016, before June 23,  
22 2017, shall be deemed to be in compliance with this paragraph  
23 from June 23, 2017, until 90 days after the course and  
24 examination required by this paragraph become available.

25 Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section  
26 456.0301, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

27 456.0301 Requirement for instruction on controlled  
28 substance prescribing.-

29 (1) (a) The appropriate board shall require each person  
30 registered with the United States Drug Enforcement  
31 Administration and authorized to prescribe controlled substances  
32 pursuant to 21 U.S.C. s. 822 to complete a board-approved 2-hour  
33 continuing education course on prescribing controlled substances  
34 ~~offered by a statewide professional association of physicians in~~  
35 ~~this state that is accredited to provide educational activities~~  
36 ~~designated for the American Medical Association Physician's~~  
37 ~~Recognition Award Category 1 Credit or the American Osteopathic~~  
38 ~~Category 1-A continuing medical education credit as part of~~

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39 biennial license renewal. The course must include information on  
40 the current standards for prescribing controlled substances,  
41 particularly opiates; alternatives to these standards;  
42 nonpharmacological therapies; prescribing emergency opioid  
43 antagonists; and the risks of opioid addiction following all  
44 stages of treatment in the management of acute pain. The course  
45 may be offered in a distance learning format and must be  
46 included within the number of continuing education hours  
47 required by law. The department may not renew the license of any  
48 prescriber registered with the United States Drug Enforcement  
49 Administration to prescribe controlled substances who has failed  
50 to complete the course. The course must be completed by January  
51 31, 2019, and at each subsequent renewal. This paragraph does  
52 not apply to a licensee who is required by his or her applicable  
53 practice act to complete a minimum of 2 hours of continuing  
54 education on the safe and effective prescribing of controlled  
55 substances.

56 Section 4. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section  
57 458.347, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

58 458.347 Physician assistants.—

59 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—

60 (e) A supervising physician may delegate to a fully  
61 licensed physician assistant the authority to prescribe or  
62 dispense any medication used in the supervising physician's  
63 practice unless such medication is listed on the formulary

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64 created pursuant to paragraph (f). A fully licensed physician  
65 assistant may only prescribe or dispense such medication under  
66 the following circumstances:

67 1. A physician assistant must clearly identify to the  
68 patient that he or she is a physician assistant and inform the  
69 patient that the patient has the right to see the physician  
70 before a prescription is prescribed or dispensed by the  
71 physician assistant.

72 2. The supervising physician must notify the department of  
73 his or her intent to delegate, on a department-approved form,  
74 before delegating such authority and of any change in  
75 prescriptive privileges of the physician assistant. Authority to  
76 dispense may be delegated only by a supervising physician who is  
77 registered as a dispensing practitioner in compliance with s.  
78 465.0276.

79 3. The physician assistant must complete a minimum of 10  
80 continuing medical education hours in the specialty practice in  
81 which the physician assistant has prescriptive privileges with  
82 each licensure renewal. Three of the 10 hours must consist of a  
83 continuing education course on the safe and effective  
84 prescribing of controlled substance medications approved by the  
85 board ~~which is offered by a statewide professional association~~  
86 ~~of physicians in this state accredited to provide educational~~  
87 ~~activities designated for the American Medical Association~~  
88 ~~Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 credit or designated by~~

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89 ~~the American Academy of Physician Assistants as a Category 1~~  
90 ~~credit.~~

91 4. The department may issue a prescriber number to the  
92 physician assistant granting authority for the prescribing of  
93 medicinal drugs authorized within this paragraph upon completion  
94 of the requirements of this paragraph. The physician assistant  
95 is not required to independently register pursuant to s.  
96 465.0276.

97 5. The prescription may be in paper or electronic form but  
98 must comply with ss. 456.0392(1) and 456.42(1) and chapter 499  
99 and must contain, in addition to the supervising physician's  
100 name, address, and telephone number, the physician assistant's  
101 prescriber number. Unless it is a drug or drug sample dispensed  
102 by the physician assistant, the prescription must be filled in a  
103 pharmacy permitted under chapter 465 and must be dispensed in  
104 that pharmacy by a pharmacist licensed under chapter 465. The  
105 inclusion of the prescriber number creates a presumption that  
106 the physician assistant is authorized to prescribe the medicinal  
107 drug and the prescription is valid.

108 6. The physician assistant must note the prescription or  
109 dispensing of medication in the appropriate medical record.

110 Section 5. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section  
111 463.0055, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

112 463.0055 Administration and prescription of ocular  
113 pharmaceutical agents.—

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114 (1)

115 (b) Before a certified optometrist may administer or  
116 prescribe oral ocular pharmaceutical agents, the certified  
117 optometrist must provide proof to the department of successful  
118 completion of a course and subsequent examination, approved by  
119 the board, on general and ocular pharmaceutical agents and the  
120 side effects of those agents. The course shall consist of 20  
121 contact hours, all of which may be web-based. The ~~first~~ course  
122 ~~and examination shall be presented by October 1, 2013, and shall~~  
123 ~~be administered at least annually thereafter. The course and~~  
124 ~~examination shall be developed and offered jointly by a~~  
125 ~~statewide professional association of physicians in this state~~  
126 ~~accredited to provide educational activities designated for the~~  
127 ~~American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award (AMA~~  
128 ~~PRA) Category 1 credit and a statewide professional association~~  
129 ~~of licensed practitioners which provides board-approved~~  
130 ~~continuing education on an annual basis.~~ The board shall review  
131 and approve the content of the initial course and examination if  
132 the board determines that the course and examination adequately  
133 and reliably satisfy the criteria set forth in this section. The  
134 board shall thereafter annually review and approve the course  
135 and examination if the board determines that the content  
136 continues to adequately and reliably satisfy the criteria set  
137 forth in this section. Successful completion of the board-  
138 approved course and examination may be used by a certified

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139 | optometrist to satisfy 20 hours of the continuing education  
140 | requirements in s. 463.007(3), only for the biennial period in  
141 | which the board-approved course and examination are taken. If a  
142 | certified optometrist does not complete a board-approved course  
143 | and examination under this section, the certified optometrist is  
144 | only authorized to administer and prescribe topical ocular  
145 | pharmaceutical agents.

146 |       Section 6. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section  
147 | 464.013, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

148 |       464.013 Renewal of license or certificate.—

149 |       (3) The board shall by rule prescribe up to 30 hours of  
150 | continuing education biennially as a condition for renewal of a  
151 | license or certificate.

152 |       (b) Notwithstanding the exemption in paragraph (a), as  
153 | part of the maximum 30 hours of continuing education hours  
154 | required under this subsection, advanced practice registered  
155 | nurses licensed under s. 464.012 must complete at least 3 hours  
156 | of continuing education on the safe and effective prescription  
157 | of controlled substances. Such continuing education courses must  
158 | be approved by the board ~~offered by a statewide professional~~  
159 | ~~association of physicians in this state accredited to provide~~  
160 | ~~educational activities designated for the American Medical~~  
161 | ~~Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 credit, the~~  
162 | ~~American Nurses Credentialing Center, the American Association~~

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163 ~~of Nurse Anesthetists, or the American Association of Nurse~~  
164 ~~Practitioners~~ and may be offered in a distance learning format.

165 Section 7. Paragraph (a) of subsection (6) of section  
166 465.009, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

167 465.009 Continuing professional pharmaceutical education.-

168 (6) Notwithstanding subsections (1)-(5):

169 (a) Each pharmacist certified to administer a vaccine or  
170 epinephrine autoinjection under s. 465.189 must complete a  
171 board-approved 3-hour continuing education course, ~~which shall~~  
172 ~~be offered by a statewide professional association of physicians~~  
173 ~~in this state accredited to provide educational activities~~  
174 ~~designated for the American Medical Association Physician's~~  
175 ~~Recognition Award (AMA PRA) Category I credit,~~ on the safe and  
176 effective administration of vaccines and epinephrine  
177 autoinjection as part of biennial relicensure or  
178 recertification. This course may be offered in a distance-  
179 learning format and must be included in the 30 hours of  
180 continuing professional pharmaceutical education specified in  
181 subsection (1).

182 Section 8. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section  
183 465.1893, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

184 465.1893 Administration of antipsychotic medication by  
185 injection.-

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186 (2) (a) A pharmacist seeking to administer a long-acting  
187 antipsychotic medication by injection must complete an 8-hour  
188 continuing education course approved by the board ~~offered by:~~

189 ~~1. A statewide professional association of physicians in~~  
190 ~~this state accredited to provide educational activities~~  
191 ~~designated for the American Medical Association Physician's~~  
192 ~~Recognition Award (AMA PRA) Category 1 Credit or the American~~  
193 ~~Osteopathic Association (AOA) Category 1 A continuing medical~~  
194 ~~education (CME) credit; and~~

195 ~~2. A statewide association of pharmacists.~~

196 Section 9. This act shall take effect January 1, 2020.

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**T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

200 Remove lines 2-5 and insert:

201 An act relating to continuing education requirements for  
202 health care practitioners; amending s. 466.0135, F.S.;  
203 requiring a dentist to complete a minimum of 2 hours of  
204 continuing education on the prescribing of controlled  
205 substances; amending s. 381.986, F.S.; requiring the Board  
206 of Medicine or the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to approve  
207 the 2-hour course and subsequent examination to be approved  
208 as a physician qualified to prescribe medical marijuana;  
209 deleting a requirement that specified entities offer a  
210 certain educational course; amending s. 456.0301, F.S.;

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211 deleting a requirement that a specified entity offer a  
212 certain continuing education course; amending s. 458.347,  
213 F.S.; requiring the Board of Medicine to approve a certain  
214 continuing education course; deleting a requirement that a  
215 specified entity offer a certain continuing education  
216 course; amending s. 463.0055, F.S.; deleting a requirement  
217 that a specified entity offer a certain continuing  
218 education course; deleting obsolete language; amending s.  
219 464.013, F.S.; requiring the Board of Nursing to approve  
220 specified continuing education courses; deleting a  
221 requirement that a specified entity offer a certain  
222 continuing education course amending s. 465.009, F.S.;  
223 requiring the Board of Pharmacy to approve a specific  
224 continuing education course; deleting a requirement that a  
225 specified entity offer a certain continuing education  
226 course; amending s. 465.1893, F.S.; requiring the Board of  
227 Pharmacy to approve a specific continuing education course;  
228 deleting a requirement that a specified entity offer a  
229 certain continuing education course; providing an effective  
230 date.

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