



2015-2016 General Assembly

HOUSE BILL 97: 2015 Appropriations Act, Sec. 12F.16.(b)-(c): Requiring Continuing Education on Abuse of Controlled Substances for Health Care Providers Who Prescribe Controlled Substances

Committee:

Introduced by:

Analysis of: Secs. 12F.16.(b) and (c) of S.L. 2015-241

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SUMMARY: *Secs. 12F.16.(b) and (c) of S.L. 2015-241 direct the following health care provider occupational licensing boards to require continuing education on the abuse of controlled substances as a condition of license renewal:*

- *North Carolina Board of Dental Examiners.*
- *North Carolina Board of Nursing.*
- *North Carolina Board of Podiatry Examiners.*
- *North Carolina Medical Board.*

In establishing the continuing education standards, these boards must require that at least one hour of the total required continuing education hours consists of a course designed specifically to address prescribing practices that includes instruction on controlled substance prescribing and prescribing for chronic pain management.

These sections became effective September 18, 2015.

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