

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-217—sSB 466
Public Health Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR
PHYSICIANS**

SUMMARY: This act reduces the frequency with which physicians must take mandatory topics for continuing medical education (CME). It also adds behavioral health to the list of mandatory topics, which already includes infectious diseases, risk management, sexual assault, domestic violence, and cultural competency.

Under prior law, physicians had to take at least one contact hour (50 minutes) of CME in each mandatory topic every two years. The act instead requires one contact hour in each such topic during the first renewal period for which CME is required (the second license renewal), and once every six years after that.

The act makes a corresponding change by requiring physicians to retain CME attendance records or certificates of completion for at least six years, rather than three years.

By law, physicians applying for license renewal must have completed at least 50 contact hours of CME during the previous 24 months. Physicians are exempt from CME requirements during their first license renewal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2013

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