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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 5297*****AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION IN COLONOSCOPIES AND ENDOSCOPIES.*****SUMMARY**

As part of existing law's continuing education requirements, physicians must complete one contact hour of risk management training or education (1) during their first license renewal period in which continuing education is required and (2) at least once every six years after that. This bill requires such training to address screening for gastrointestinal cancers, including colon, gastric, pancreatic, and neuroendocrine cancers, and other rare gastrointestinal tumors. The new requirement applies to license registration periods starting on or after October 1, 2018.

Existing law requires the risk management training to also address prescribing controlled substances and pain management.

By law, physicians generally must complete 50 contact hours of continuing education every two years, starting with their second license renewal.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14    Nay 13    (03/19/2018)