
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5297 (as amended by House "A")*

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 allows such training to address screening for inflammatory breast cancer and gastrointestinal cancers, including colon, gastric, pancreatic, and neuroendocrine cancers and other rare gastrointestinal tumors. This applies to license registration periods starting on or after October 1, 2018.

Existing law, unchanged by the bill, requires the risk management training to 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.

*House Amendment "A" allows, rather than requires, the training to address gastrointestinal cancers and adds breast cancer to the list of permissible topics.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 14 Nay 13 (03/19/2018)