

CHAPTER 103

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

SENATE BILL 22-143

BY SENATOR(S) Kirkmeyer and Woodward, Moreno, Zenzinger, Smallwood;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Pico and Lynch, Valdez D., Woodrow, Ricks.

AN ACT

**CONCERNING AN UPDATE TO TERMINOLOGY USED TO REFER TO THE REGULATORY ENTITY WITHIN
THE DEPARTMENT OF REGULATORY AGENCIES THAT REGULATES PARTICULAR HEALTH-CARE
PROFESSIONS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-30-114, **amend** (1) as follows:

12-30-114. Demonstrated competency - opiate prescribers - rules - definition.

(1) (a) The ~~applicable licensing board~~ **REGULATOR** for each licensed health-care provider, in consultation with the center for research into substance use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery support strategies created in section 27-80-118, shall promulgate rules that require each licensed health-care provider, as a condition of renewing, reactivating, or reinstating a license on or after October 1, 2022, to complete up to four credit hours of training per licensing cycle in order to demonstrate competency regarding:

(I) Best practices for opioid prescribing, according to the most recent version of the division's guidelines for the safe prescribing and dispensing of opioids;

(II) The potential harm of inappropriately limiting prescriptions to chronic pain patients;

(III) Best practices for prescribing benzodiazepines;

(IV) Recognition of substance use disorders;

(V) Referral of patients with substance use disorders for treatment; and

Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.

(VI) The use of the electronic prescription drug monitoring program created in part 4 of article 280 of this title 12.

(b) The rules promulgated by each ~~board~~ REGULATOR shall exempt a licensed health-care provider who:

(I) Maintains a national board certification that requires equivalent substance use prevention training; or

(II) Attests to the ~~appropriate board~~ REGULATOR that the health-care provider does not prescribe opioids.

SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date. This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in November 2022 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

Approved: April 15, 2022