SENATE ENROLLED ACT No. 225

AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

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

SECTION 1. IC 35-48-3-3.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018]: Sec. 3.5. (a) IC 25-1-4-0.7, IC 25-1-4-1, IC 25-1-4-2, IC 25-1-4-3, IC 25-1-4-3.2, and IC 25-1-4-4 concerning continuing education apply to this section.

(b) Beginning July 1, 2019, a practitioner who is licensed by a board under IC 25-1-9 and applies for registration or reregistration under this chapter must have completed two (2) hours of continuing education during the previous two (2) years addressing the topic of opioid prescribing and opioid abuse.

(c) All continuing education courses required under subsection (b) must be:

(1) approved by the board or the licensing board that regulates the practitioner; or

(2) offered by an approved organization (as defined by IC 25-1-4-0.2).

(d) The Indiana professional licensing agency shall maintain on the agency's Internet web site a schedule of or link to opioid prescribing and opioid abuse continuing education courses that are available under subsection (c).

(e) If a practitioner is required to take continuing education as
a condition to renew a registration, certification, or license under IC 25, the continuing education courses completed under this section must be applied to the fulfillment of that requirement.

(f) This section expires July 1, 2025.
President of the Senate

President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Governor of the State of Indiana

Date: ________________  Time: ________________