



- c) Aspects of other disciplines that enhance the understanding or practice of the profession for which licensed.
- 5) Specifies in statute that the required continuing education be obtained from either an accredited or approved school, or from a source specified by the Board as acceptable in regulations. (BPC §§ 4980.54(f), 4989.34(b), 4996.22(d), 4999.76(d))
- 6) Specifies in regulations that in addition to an accredited or approved school, a continuing education provider may be a board-recognized approval agency, a provider approved or registered by a board-recognized approval agency, or a professional association that is recognized by the Board as a continuing education provider. (16 CCR §1887.4.3(a))

**This Bill:**

- 1) Requires the Board to consider including a course in maternal mental health as part of its continuing education requirements for marriage and family therapists (LMFTs), educational psychologists (LEP), clinical social workers (LCSWs), and professional clinical counselors (LPCCs). (BPC §§4980.54, 4989.34, 4996.22, 4999.76)
- 2) Also provides a similar requirement for the Board of Registered Nursing, the Board of Psychology, and the Physician Assistant Board. (BPC §§2811.5, 2914.4, 3524.5))

**Comment:**

- 1) **Author's Intent.** The author's office states that maternal mental health conditions are the leading cause of pregnancy related deaths, and that providing coursework on this topic would provide information to medical and mental health providers about how to appropriately treat their affected clients.
- 2) **Course Content Already Permitted.** The Board's licensing laws already permit any continuing education coursework that is in or relevant to the practice of that profession. The Board would accept a course in maternal mental health toward continuing education requirements.

There is a wide variety of continuing education courses available to the Board's licensees, covering numerous topics in a wide range of specialties, that pertain to the practice of the professions the Board regulates. Aside from requiring a California law and ethics CE course, the Board leaves it to the licensee to determine what course CE topics are most relevant and beneficial to them in their practice. The Board should consider whether requiring certain courses, which already pertain to the practice of the Board's professions and are therefore already permitted, raises the question of whether or not courses covering other topics should also be required.

- 3) **Policy & Advocacy Committee Recommendation.** At its April 2024 meeting, the Board's Policy and Advocacy Committee decided not to recommend a position to the Board.
- 4) **Staff Recommendation.** Staff recommends that the Board consider taking no position on the bill, and directing staff to continue to watch it.
- 5) **Previous Related Legislation.** AB 845 (Maienschein, Chapter 220, Statutes of 2019) requires the Medical Board of California to consider including a course in maternal mental health in its continuing education requirements for physicians and surgeons.
- 6) **Current Related Legislation.** AB 2270 (Maienschein) would require the Board to consider including a course in menopausal mental or physical health in its CE requirements.

#### 7) **Support and Opposition**

**Support:** American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District IX

**Opposition:** None at this time.

#### 8) **History**

04/11/24 Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

04/10/24 Read second time and amended.

04/09/24 From committee: Amend, and do pass as amended and re-refer to Com. on APPR. (Ayes 18. Noes 0.) (April 9).

03/04/24 Referred to Com. on B. & P.

02/15/24 From printer. May be heard in committee March 16.

02/14/24 Read first time. To print.

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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 10, 2024  
california legislature—2023–24 regular session

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2581**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Maienschein**  
***(Coauthor: Assembly Member Bains)***

February 14, 2024

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An act to ~~add Sections 2191.3, 2811.7, 2914.4, 3524.6, 4980.56, 4989.35, 4996.29, and 4999.77 to amend Sections 2811.5, 3524.5, 4980.54, 4989.34, 4996.22, and 4999.76 of, and to add Section 2914.4 to,~~ the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**legislative counsel's digest**

AB 2581, as amended, Maienschein. Healing arts: continuing education: maternal mental health.

Existing law, the ~~Medical Practice Act, establishes the Medical Board of California and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensure and regulation of physicians and surgeons.~~ Existing law, the Nursing Practice Act, establishes the Board of Registered Nursing and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensure and regulation of the practice of nursing. Existing law, the Psychology Licensing Law, establishes the Board of Psychology and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensure and regulation of psychologists. Existing law, the Physician Assistant Practice Act, establishes the Physician Assistant Board and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensure and regulation of physician assistants.

Existing law, the Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Act, the Clinical Social Worker Practice Act, the Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Act, and the Educational Psychologist Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of the practices of marriage and family

therapy, clinical social work, professional clinical counseling, and education psychology, respectively, by the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Existing law establishes continuing education requirements for all of these various healing arts practitioners.

~~This bill would require licensees under these provisions to have the option of taking coursework on maternal mental health to satisfy continuing education and professional development requirements. the above-specified boards, in determining their continuing education requirements, to consider including a course in maternal mental health.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2811.5 of the Business and Professions  
2 Code is amended to read:

3 2811.5. (a) Each person renewing their license under Section  
4 2811 shall submit proof satisfactory to the board that, during the  
5 preceding two-year period, they have been informed of the  
6 developments in the registered nurse field or in any special area  
7 of practice engaged in by the licensee, occurring since the last  
8 renewal thereof, either by pursuing a course or courses of  
9 continuing education in the registered nurse field or relevant to  
10 the practice of the licensee, and approved by the board, or by other  
11 means deemed equivalent by the board.

12 (b) Notwithstanding Section 10231.5 of the Government Code,  
13 the board, in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government  
14 Code, shall do the following:

15 (1) By January 1, 2019, deliver a report to the appropriate  
16 legislative policy committees detailing a comprehensive plan for  
17 approving and disapproving continuing education opportunities.

18 (2) By January 1, 2020, report to the appropriate legislative  
19 committees on its progress implementing this plan.

20 (c) For purposes of this section, the board shall, by regulation,  
21 establish standards for continuing education. The standards shall  
22 be established in a manner to ensure that a variety of alternative  
23 forms of continuing education are available to licensees, including,  
24 but not limited to, online, academic studies, in-service education,  
25 institutes, seminars, lectures, conferences, workshops, extension

1 studies, and home study programs. The standards shall take  
2 cognizance of specialized areas of practice, and content shall be  
3 relevant to the practice of nursing and shall be related to the  
4 scientific knowledge or technical skills required for the practice  
5 of nursing or be related to direct or indirect patient or client care.  
6 The continuing education standards established by the board shall  
7 not exceed 30 hours of direct participation in a course or courses  
8 approved by the board, or its equivalent in the units of measure  
9 adopted by the board.

10 (d) The board shall audit continuing education providers at least  
11 once every five years to ensure adherence to regulatory  
12 requirements, and shall withhold or rescind approval from any  
13 provider that is in violation of the regulatory requirements.

14 (e) The board shall encourage continuing education in spousal  
15 or partner abuse detection and treatment. In the event the board  
16 establishes a requirement for continuing education coursework in  
17 spousal or partner abuse detection or treatment, that requirement  
18 shall be met by each licensee within no more than four years from  
19 the date the requirement is imposed.

20 (f) In establishing standards for continuing education, the board  
21 shall consider including a course in the special care needs of  
22 individuals and their families, including, but not limited to, all of  
23 the following:

- 24 (1) Pain and symptom management, including palliative care.
- 25 (2) The psychosocial dynamics of death.
- 26 (3) Dying and bereavement.
- 27 (4) Hospice care.

28 (g) *In establishing standards for continuing education, the board*  
29 *shall consider including a course in maternal mental health.*

30 ~~(g)~~

31 (h) This section shall not apply to licensees during the first two  
32 years immediately following their initial licensure in California  
33 or any other governmental jurisdiction, except that, beginning  
34 January 1, 2023, those licensees shall complete one hour of direct  
35 participation in an implicit bias course offered by a continuing  
36 education provider approved by the board that meets all the same  
37 requirements outlined in paragraph (1) of subdivision (f) of Section  
38 2786, including, but not limited to, the identification of the  
39 licensees previous or current unconscious biases and  
40 misinformation and corrective measures to decrease implicit bias

1 at the interpersonal and institutional levels, including ongoing  
2 policies and practices for that purpose.

3 ~~(h)~~

4 (i) The board may, in accordance with the intent of this section,  
5 make exceptions from continuing education requirements for  
6 licensees residing in another state or country, or for reasons of  
7 health, military service, or other good cause.

8 *SEC. 2. Section 2914.4 is added to the Business and Professions*  
9 *Code, to read:*

10 *2914.4. In determining its continuing professional development,*  
11 *the board shall consider including a course in maternal mental*  
12 *health.*

13 *SEC. 3. Section 3524.5 of the Business and Professions Code*  
14 *is amended to read:*

15 3524.5. (a) The board may require a licensee to complete  
16 continuing education as a condition of license renewal under  
17 Section 3523 or 3524. The board shall not require more than 50  
18 hours of continuing education every two years. The board shall,  
19 as it deems appropriate, accept certification by the National  
20 Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA),  
21 or another qualified certifying body, as determined by the board,  
22 as evidence of compliance with continuing education requirements.

23 (b) (1) The board shall adopt regulations to require that, on and  
24 after January 1, 2022, all continuing education courses for licensees  
25 under this chapter contain curriculum that includes the  
26 understanding of implicit bias.

27 (2) Beginning January 1, 2023, continuing education providers  
28 shall ensure compliance with paragraph (1).

29 (3) Beginning January 1, 2023, the board shall audit continuing  
30 education providers at least once every five years to ensure  
31 adherence to regulatory requirements, and shall withhold or rescind  
32 approval from any provider that is in violation of the regulatory  
33 requirements.

34 (c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision (b), a  
35 continuing education course dedicated solely to research or other  
36 issues that does not include a direct patient care component is not  
37 required to contain curriculum that includes implicit bias in the  
38 practice of physician assistants.



1 (d) In order to satisfy the requirements of subdivision (a),  
2 continuing education courses shall address at least one or a  
3 combination of the following:

4 (1) Examples of how implicit bias affects perceptions and  
5 treatment decisions of physician assistants, leading to disparities  
6 in health outcomes.

7 (2) Strategies to address how unintended biases in  
8 decisionmaking may contribute to health care disparities by shaping  
9 behavior and producing differences in medical treatment along  
10 lines of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age,  
11 socioeconomic status, or other characteristics.

12 (e) *In determining its continuing education requirements, the*  
13 *board shall consider including a course in maternal mental health.*

14 *SEC. 4. Section 4980.54 of the Business and Professions Code*  
15 *is amended to read:*

16 4980.54. (a) The Legislature recognizes that the education and  
17 experience requirements in this chapter constitute only minimal  
18 requirements to ensure that an applicant is prepared and qualified  
19 to take the licensure examinations as specified in subdivision (d)  
20 of Section 4980.40 and, if an applicant passes those examinations,  
21 to begin practice.

22 (b) In order to continuously improve the competence of licensed  
23 and registered marriage and family therapists and as a model for  
24 all psychotherapeutic professions, the Legislature encourages all  
25 licensees and registrants to regularly engage in continuing  
26 education related to the profession or scope of practice as defined  
27 in this chapter.

28 (c) (1) Except as provided in subdivision ~~(e)~~, (f), the board shall  
29 not renew any license pursuant to this chapter unless the applicant  
30 certifies to the board, on a form prescribed by the board, that the  
31 applicant has completed not less than 36 hours of approved  
32 continuing education in or relevant to the field of marriage and  
33 family therapy in the preceding two years, as determined by the  
34 board.

35 (2) The board shall not renew any registration pursuant to this  
36 chapter unless the registrant certifies under penalty of perjury to  
37 the board, and on a form prescribed by the board, that they have  
38 completed not less than three hours of continuing education on the  
39 subject of California law and ethics during the preceding year.

1 (d) The board shall have the right to audit the records of any  
2 applicant to verify the completion of the continuing education  
3 requirement. Applicants shall maintain records of completion of  
4 required continuing education coursework for a minimum of two  
5 years and shall make these records available to the board for  
6 auditing purposes upon request.

7 (e) *In determining its continuing education requirements, the*  
8 *board shall consider including a course in maternal mental health.*

9 ~~(e)~~

10 (f) The board may establish exceptions from the continuing  
11 education requirements of this section for good cause, as defined  
12 by the board.

13 ~~(f)~~

14 (g) The continuing education shall be obtained from one of the  
15 following sources:

16 (1) An accredited school or state-approved school that meets  
17 the requirements set forth in Section 4980.36 or 4980.37. Nothing  
18 in this paragraph shall be construed as requiring coursework to be  
19 offered as part of a regular degree program.

20 (2) Other continuing education providers, as specified by the  
21 board by regulation.

22 ~~(g)~~

23 (h) The board shall establish, by regulation, a procedure for  
24 identifying acceptable providers of continuing education courses,  
25 and all providers of continuing education, as described in  
26 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision ~~(f)~~, (g), shall adhere to  
27 procedures established by the board. The board may revoke or  
28 deny the right of a provider to offer continuing education  
29 coursework pursuant to this section for failure to comply with this  
30 section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

31 ~~(h)~~

32 (i) Training, education, and coursework by approved providers  
33 shall incorporate one or more of the following:

34 (1) Aspects of the discipline that are fundamental to the  
35 understanding or the practice of marriage and family therapy.

36 (2) Aspects of the discipline of marriage and family therapy in  
37 which significant recent developments have occurred.

38 (3) Aspects of other disciplines that enhance the understanding  
39 or the practice of marriage and family therapy.

40 ~~(i)~~

1 (j) A system of continuing education for licensed marriage and  
2 family therapists shall include courses directly related to the  
3 diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of the client population being  
4 served.

5 ~~(j)~~

6 (k) The continuing education requirements of this section shall  
7 comply fully with the guidelines for mandatory continuing  
8 education established by the Department of Consumer Affairs  
9 pursuant to Section 166.

10 SEC. 5. Section 4989.34 of the Business and Professions Code  
11 is amended to read:

12 4989.34. (a) To renew a license, a licensee shall certify to the  
13 board, on a form prescribed by the board, completion in the  
14 preceding two years of not less than 36 hours of approved  
15 continuing education in, or relevant to, educational psychology.

16 (b) (1) The continuing education shall be obtained from either  
17 an accredited university or a continuing education provider as  
18 specified by the board by regulation.

19 (2) The board shall establish, by regulation, a procedure  
20 identifying acceptable providers of continuing education courses,  
21 and all providers of continuing education shall comply with  
22 procedures established by the board. The board may revoke or  
23 deny the right of a provider to offer continuing education  
24 coursework pursuant to this section for failure to comply with this  
25 section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

26 (c) In determining its continuing education requirements, the  
27 board shall consider including a course in maternal mental health.

28 ~~(e)~~

29 (d) Training, education, and coursework by approved providers  
30 shall incorporate one or more of the following:

31 (1) Aspects of the discipline that are fundamental to the  
32 understanding or the practice of educational psychology.

33 (2) Aspects of the discipline of educational psychology in which  
34 significant recent developments have occurred.

35 (3) Aspects of other disciplines that enhance the understanding  
36 or the practice of educational psychology.

37 ~~(e)~~

38 (e) The board may audit the records of a licensee to verify  
39 completion of the continuing education requirement. A licensee  
40 shall maintain records of the completion of required continuing

1 education coursework for a minimum of two years and shall make  
2 these records available to the board for auditing purposes upon its  
3 request.

4 ~~(e)~~

5 (f) The board may establish exceptions from the continuing  
6 education requirements of this section for good cause, as  
7 determined by the board.

8 ~~(f)~~

9 (g) The continuing education requirements of this section shall  
10 comply fully with the guidelines for mandatory continuing  
11 education established by the Department of Consumer Affairs  
12 pursuant to Section 166.

13 *SEC. 6. Section 4996.22 of the Business and Professions Code*  
14 *is amended to read:*

15 4996.22. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision~~(e)~~, (d),  
16 the board shall not renew any license pursuant to this chapter unless  
17 the applicant certifies to the board, on a form prescribed by the  
18 board, that the applicant has completed not less than 36 hours of  
19 approved continuing education in or relevant to the field of social  
20 work in the preceding two years, as determined by the board.

21 (2) The board shall not renew any license of an applicant who  
22 began graduate study before January 1, 2004, pursuant to this  
23 chapter unless the applicant certifies to the board that during the  
24 applicant's first renewal period after the operative date of this  
25 section, the applicant completed a continuing education course in  
26 spousal or partner abuse assessment, detection, and intervention  
27 strategies, including community resources, cultural factors, and  
28 same gender abuse dynamics. On and after January 1, 2005, the  
29 course shall consist of not less than seven hours of training.  
30 Equivalent courses in spousal or partner abuse assessment,  
31 detection, and intervention strategies taken before the operative  
32 date of this section or proof of equivalent teaching or practice  
33 experience may be submitted to the board and at its discretion,  
34 may be accepted in satisfaction of this requirement. Continuing  
35 education courses taken pursuant to this paragraph shall be applied  
36 to the 36 hours of approved continuing education required under  
37 paragraph (1).

38 (3) The board shall not renew any registration pursuant to this  
39 chapter unless the registrant certifies under penalty of perjury to  
40 the board, and on a form prescribed by the board, that they have

1 completed not less than three hours of continuing education in the  
2 subject of California law and ethics during the preceding year.

3 *(b) in determining its continuing education requirements, the*  
4 *board shall consider including a course in maternal mental health.*

5 ~~(b)~~

6 *(c)* The board shall have the right to audit the records of any  
7 applicant to verify the completion of the continuing education  
8 requirement. Applicants shall maintain records of completion of  
9 required continuing education coursework for a minimum of two  
10 years and shall make these records available to the board for  
11 auditing purposes upon request.

12 ~~(c)~~

13 *(d)* The board may establish exceptions from the continuing  
14 education requirement of this section for good cause as defined  
15 by the board.

16 ~~(d)~~

17 *(e)* The continuing education shall be obtained from one of the  
18 following sources:

19 (1) An accredited school of social work, as defined in Section  
20 4991.2, or a school or department of social work that is a candidate  
21 for accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of the  
22 Council on Social Work Education. Nothing in this paragraph shall  
23 be construed as requiring coursework to be offered as part of a  
24 regular degree program.

25 (2) A school, college, or university accredited by a regional or  
26 national institutional accrediting agency that is recognized by the  
27 United States Department of Education or a school, college, or  
28 university that is approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary  
29 Education.

30 (3) Another continuing education provider, as specified by the  
31 board by regulation.

32 ~~(e)~~

33 *(f)* The board shall establish, by regulation, a procedure for  
34 identifying acceptable providers of continuing education courses,  
35 and all providers of continuing education, as described in  
36 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision ~~(d)~~, *(e)*, shall adhere to the  
37 procedures established by the board. The board may revoke or  
38 deny the right of a provider to offer continuing education  
39 coursework pursuant to this section for failure to comply with this  
40 section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

- 1     ~~(f)~~
- 2     (g) Training, education, and coursework by approved providers
- 3 shall incorporate one or more of the following:
- 4     (1) Aspects of the discipline that are fundamental to the
- 5 understanding, or the practice, of social work.
- 6     (2) Aspects of the social work discipline in which significant
- 7 recent developments have occurred.
- 8     (3) Aspects of other related disciplines that enhance the
- 9 understanding, or the practice, of social work.
- 10    ~~(g)~~
- 11    (h) A system of continuing education for licensed clinical social
- 12 workers shall include courses directly related to the diagnosis,
- 13 assessment, and treatment of the client population being served.
- 14    ~~(h)~~
- 15    (i) The continuing education requirements of this section shall
- 16 comply fully with the guidelines for mandatory continuing
- 17 education established by the Department of Consumer Affairs
- 18 pursuant to Section 166.
- 19    ~~(i)~~
- 20    (j) The board may adopt regulations as necessary to implement
- 21 this section.
- 22    *SEC. 7. Section 4999.76 of the Business and Professions Code*
- 23 *is amended to read:*
- 24    4999.76. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision~~(e)~~, (d),
- 25 the board shall not renew any license pursuant to this chapter unless
- 26 the applicant certifies to the board, on a form prescribed by the
- 27 board, that the applicant has completed not less than 36 hours of
- 28 approved continuing education in or relevant to the field of
- 29 professional clinical counseling in the preceding two years, as
- 30 determined by the board.
- 31    (2) The board shall not renew any registration pursuant to this
- 32 chapter unless the registrant certifies under penalty of perjury to
- 33 the board, and on a form prescribed by the board, that they have
- 34 completed not less than three hours of continuing education in the
- 35 subject of California law and ethics during the preceding year.
- 36    (b) *In determining its continuing education requirements, the*
- 37 *board shall consider including a course in maternal mental health.*
- 38    ~~(b)~~
- 39    (c) The board shall have the right to audit the records of any
- 40 applicant to verify the completion of the continuing education

1 requirement. Applicants shall maintain records of completed  
2 continuing education coursework for a minimum of two years and  
3 shall make these records available to the board for auditing  
4 purposes upon request.

5 ~~(e)~~

6 (d) The board may establish exceptions from the continuing  
7 education requirement of this section for good cause, as defined  
8 by the board.

9 ~~(d)~~

10 (e) The continuing education shall be obtained from one of the  
11 following sources:

12 (1) A school, college, or university that is accredited or  
13 approved, as defined in Section 4999.12. Nothing in this paragraph  
14 shall be construed as requiring coursework to be offered as part  
15 of a regular degree program.

16 (2) Other continuing education providers as specified by the  
17 board by regulation.

18 ~~(e)~~

19 (f) The board shall establish, by regulation, a procedure for  
20 identifying acceptable providers of continuing education courses,  
21 and all providers of continuing education, as described in  
22 paragraphs (1) and (2) of subdivision ~~(d)~~, (e), shall adhere to  
23 procedures established by the board. The board may revoke or  
24 deny the right of a provider to offer continuing education  
25 coursework pursuant to this section for failure to comply with this  
26 section or any regulation adopted pursuant to this section.

27 ~~(f)~~

28 (g) Training, education, and coursework by approved providers  
29 shall incorporate one or more of the following:

30 (1) Aspects of the discipline that are fundamental to the  
31 understanding or the practice of professional clinical counseling.

32 (2) Significant recent developments in the discipline of  
33 professional clinical counseling.

34 (3) Aspects of other disciplines that enhance the understanding  
35 or the practice of professional clinical counseling.

36 ~~(g)~~

37 (h) A system of continuing education for licensed professional  
38 clinical counselors shall include courses directly related to the  
39 diagnosis, assessment, and treatment of the client population being  
40 served.

1 (h)

2 (i) The continuing education requirements of this section shall  
3 fully comply with the guidelines for mandatory continuing  
4 education established by the Department of Consumer Affairs  
5 pursuant to Section 166.

6 ~~SECTION 1. Section 2191.3 is added to the Business and~~  
7 ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

8 ~~2191.3. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensee~~  
9 ~~shall have the option of taking coursework on maternal mental~~  
10 ~~health to satisfy continuing education requirements.~~

11 ~~SEC. 2. Section 2811.7 is added to the Business and Professions~~  
12 ~~Code, to read:~~

13 ~~2811.7. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensee~~  
14 ~~shall have the option of taking coursework on maternal mental~~  
15 ~~health to satisfy continuing education requirements.~~

16 ~~SEC. 3. Section 2914.4 is added to the Business and Professions~~  
17 ~~Code, to read:~~

18 ~~2914.4. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensee~~  
19 ~~shall have the option of taking coursework on maternal~~  
20 ~~mentalhealth to satisfy continuing education requirements.~~

21 ~~SEC. 4. Section 3524.6 is added to the Business and Professions~~  
22 ~~Code, to read:~~

23 ~~3524.6. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensee~~  
24 ~~shall have the option of taking coursework on maternal mental~~  
25 ~~health to satisfy continuing education requirements.~~

26 ~~SEC. 5. Section 4980.56 is added to the Business and~~  
27 ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

28 ~~4980.56. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensee~~  
29 ~~shall have the option of taking coursework on maternal mental~~  
30 ~~health to satisfy continuing education requirements.~~

31 ~~SEC. 6. Section 4989.35 is added to the Business and~~  
32 ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

33 ~~4989.35. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensee~~  
34 ~~shall have the option of taking coursework on maternal mental~~  
35 ~~health to satisfy continuing education requirements.~~

36 ~~SEC. 7. Section 4996.29 is added to the Business and~~  
37 ~~Professions Code, to read:~~

38 ~~4996.29. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensee~~  
39 ~~shall have the option of taking coursework on maternal mental~~  
40 ~~health to satisfy continuing education requirements.~~



1    ~~SEC. 8. Section 4999.77 is added to the Business and~~  
2    ~~Professions Code, to read:~~  
3    ~~4999.77. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensee~~  
4    ~~shall have the option of taking coursework on maternal mental~~  
5    ~~health to satisfy continuing education requirements.~~

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