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1 A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to sickle cell care management and 3 treatment education; creating s. 456.0311, F.S.; 4 requiring specified continuing education courses for 5 licensure and certification renewal for specified 6 health care professions; providing requirements for 7 such courses; authorizing appropriate boards to adopt 8 rules; providing an effective date. 9 10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 11 Section 1. Section 456.0311, Florida Statutes, is created 12 13 to read: 456.0311 Requirement for instruction on sickle cell 14 15 disease.-16 (1)(a) The appropriate board shall require each person 17 <u>licensed or certified under chapter 458, chapter 459, or part I</u> 18 of chapter 464 to complete a 2-hour continuing education course, 19 approved by the board, on sickle cell disease care management as 20 part of every second biennial licensure or certification 21 renewal. The course shall consist of education specific to 22 sickle cell disease and sickle cell trait including, but not 23 limited to, evidence-based treatment protocols for patients of 24 all ages, continuing patient and family education, periodic 25 comprehensive evaluations and other disease-specific health

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maintenance services, psychosocial care, genetic counseling, and
pain management.

- (b) Each licensee or certificateholder shall submit confirmation of having completed such course on a form provided by the appropriate board when submitting fees for each second biennial renewal.
- (c) The board may approve additional equivalent courses that may be used to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a).

  Each licensing board that requires a licensee to complete an educational course pursuant to this section may include the hour required for completion of the course in the total hours of continuing education required by law for such profession unless the continuing education requirements for such profession consist of fewer than 30 hours biennially.
- (d) Any person holding two or more licenses subject to the provisions of this section shall be permitted to show proof of having taken one board-approved course to satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a) for purposes of relicensure or recertification for additional licenses.
- (e) Failure to comply with the requirements of this section shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action under each respective practice act and under s. 456.072(1)(k). In addition to discipline by the appropriate board, the licensee shall be required to complete the course required under this section.

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51			(2)	Each	appropr	riate	board	may	adopt	rules	to	carry	out
52	this section.												
53			Secti	ion 2.	This	act	shall	take	effect	July	1,	2024.	

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