

# SENATE BILL No. 194

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-1-9-22.

**Synopsis:** Health care professional cultural training. Requires an individual seeking licensure in a health care profession to complete cultural competency training.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 9, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-1-9-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2014]: **Sec. 22. (a) As used in this section, "board" does not**  
4 **include the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners**  
5 **(IC 25-38.1-2).**  
6 **(b) An individual who seeks a license issued by a board must**  
7 **first complete, before a license may be issued, cultural competency**  
8 **training that includes the following:**  
9 **(1) Awareness of cultural differences and the individual's**  
10 **beliefs and behaviors related to those differences and their**  
11 **effect on patients and other persons.**  
12 **(2) Knowledge of:**  
13 **(A) various cultural groups with whom the individual is**  
14 **likely to work in the individual's profession; and**  
15 **(B) the effects of social and behavioral differences on the**  
16 **health of members of the cultural groups.**



- 1           **(3) Skills to modify the individual's behavior to:**
- 2               **(A) improve patient understanding of health needs; and**
- 3               **(B) accommodate cultural requirements;**
- 4           **to foster patient compliance with wellness and treatment**
- 5           **plans.**
- 6           **(4) Ability to advocate for the patient in obtaining necessary**
- 7           **support to achieve improvement in patient health.**
- 8           **(c) This section applies to a new license issued after June 30,**
- 9           **2014.**

