

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1805 Session of 2015

INTRODUCED BY MASSER, HEFFLEY, O'BRIEN, THOMAS, MILLARD, CORBIN, ROZZI, R. BROWN, TAYLOR, STEPHENS, READSHAW, COHEN AND SNYDER, JANUARY 27, 2016

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, JANUARY 27, 2016

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191),
 2 entitled "An act providing for prescription drug monitoring;
 3 creating the ABC-MAP Board; establishing the Achieving Better
 4 Care by Monitoring All Prescriptions Program; and providing
 5 for unlawful acts and penalties," providing for licensing
 6 boards to require addiction education.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
 8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. The act of October 27, 2014 (P.L.2911, No.191),
 10 known as the Achieving Better Care by Monitoring All
 11 Prescriptions Program (ABC-MAP) Act, is amended by adding a
 12 section to read:

13 Section 15. Licensing Boards to Require Addiction Education.

14 (a) General rule.--Each licensing board in the Department of
 15 State jurisdiction over professional licensees who are
 16 dispensers or prescribers shall require:

17 (1) Individuals applying for an initial license or
 18 certification issued by the licensing board, which license or
 19 certification authorizes the licensee to be a dispenser or

1 prescriber, shall submit documentation acceptable to the
2 licensing board of the completion of at least three hours of
3 addiction education. The addiction education may occur as
4 part of the applicants' professional degree educational
5 program.

6 (2) Dispensers and prescribers applying for the renewal
7 of a license or certification issued by the licensing board
8 to complete at least two hours of addiction education as a
9 portion of the total continuing education required for
10 biennial renewal.

11 (b) Consultation with department.--Each licensing board
12 shall, in consultation with the department, approve the
13 curricula for the addiction education.

14 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.