



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR: MAIENSCHIN

SPONSOR: AUTHOR

RECOMMENDED POSITION: NONE

SUBJECT: HEALING ARTS: CONTINUING EDUCATION: MATERNAL MENTAL HEALTH

Summary:

This bill would require the Board to consider including a course in maternal mental health in its continuing education (CE) requirements.

Existing Law:

- 1)** Requires the director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to establish, by regulation, guidelines to prescribe components for mandatory continuing education programs administered by any board within the department. The guidelines shall be developed to ensure that mandatory continuing education is used as a means to create a more competent licensing population, thereby enhancing public protection. (Business and Professions Code (BPC) §166)
- 2)** Requires licensees of the Board of Behavioral Sciences (Board), upon renewal of their license, to certify to the Board that they have completed at least 36 hours of approved continuing education in or relevant to their field of practice in the past 2 years. (BPC §§4980.54(c), 4989.34(a), 4996.22(a), 4999.76(a)).
- 3)** Requires that 6 hours of the required 36 hours of continuing education taken in a renewal period be in the subject of law and ethics. (California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 16, §1887.3(c))
- 4)** Specifies that continuing education training, education, and coursework must be from approved providers and must incorporate one or more of the following (BPC §§4980.54(h), 4989.34(c), 4996.22(f), 4999.76(f)) :
 - a) Aspects of the discipline that are fundamental to the understanding or practice of the profession for which licensed;
 - b) Aspects of the discipline for which licensed where significant recent developments have occurred; and

- 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) 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.

4) 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.

5) Support and Opposition.

Support:

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists District IX

Opposition:

None at this time.

6) History.

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

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

February 14, 2024

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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