

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2888

By: Settle

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to professions and occupations;  
creating the Uniform Continuing Professional  
Education Act of the State Board of Medical  
Licensure and Supervision and the Uniform  
Continuing Professional Education Act of the State  
Board of Osteopathic Examiners; defining terms;  
requiring certain continuing education hours;  
providing for promulgation of rules; authorizing  
alternate means; providing for codification; and  
providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 489.2 of Title 59, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This section shall be called the "Uniform Continuing  
Professional Education Act of the State Board of Medical Licensure  
and Supervision".

B. As used in the Uniform Continuing Professional Education Act  
of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision:

1. "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision;

2. "Continuing professional education" means professional, postgraduate education in the general areas of the practice of medicine and legal aspects of health care, surgery, and the etiology, characteristics and therapeutics of the diseased state;

3. "Physician" means those individuals licensed to practice medicine pursuant to the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act; and

4. "Accredited program" means those seminars, classes, meetings, work projects and other educational programs approved by the Board for purposes of continuing professional education.

C. Commencing January 1, 1997, no annual renewal certificate and license and no initial registration and licensure by reciprocity shall be issued until such physician has submitted proof to the Board that the physician has participated in not less than thirty (30) clock hours of continuing education obtained through the satisfactory completion of an accredited program of continuing professional education during the previous calendar year.

D. The Board shall promulgate rules necessary to carry out the stated objectives and purposes and enforce the provisions of the Uniform Continuing Professional Education Act of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, which shall include the methods of determining accredited programs and other rules consistent with the Uniform Continuing Professional Education Act of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as the Board shall determine proper.

E. 1. The Board may grant to a physician who meets all the necessary requirements for registration and licensure, except the continuing education requirements, alternate methods of obtaining continuing education hours through home-study courses, correspondence courses, audiovisual aids, or other programs

substantially equivalent in scope and content to the continuing professional education programs regularly scheduled; provided, however, only those physicians shall be eligible for the alternative programs who, upon prior written application to the Board and for good cause shown, demonstrate that they are unable to attend a sufficient number of regularly scheduled continuing professional education programs to obtain the requisite number of continuing education hours for registration and licensure.

2. Any physician who does not meet the requirement for continuing education may obtain an inactive renewal certificate of registration for any year past, present or future, for a fee not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per year. Under no circumstances shall the holder of an inactive renewal certificate of registration be allowed to engage in the practice of medicine in Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 635.1 of Title 59, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This section shall be called the "Uniform Continuing Professional Education Act of the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners".

B. As used in the Uniform Continuing Professional Education Act of the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners:

1. "Board" means the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners;

2. "Continuing professional education" means professional, postgraduate education in the general areas of the practice of medicine and legal aspects of health care, surgery, and the etiology, characteristics and therapeutics of the diseased state;

3. "Physician" means those individuals licensed to practice medicine pursuant to the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act; and

4. "Accredited program" means those seminars, classes, meetings, work projects and other educational programs approved by the Board for purposes of continuing professional education.

C. Commencing January 1, 1997, no annual renewal certificate and license and no initial registration and licensure by reciprocity shall be issued until such physician has submitted proof to the Board that the physician has participated in not less than thirty (30) clock hours of continuing education obtained through the satisfactory completion of an accredited program of continuing professional education during the previous calendar year.

D. The Board shall promulgate rules necessary to carry out the stated objectives and purposes and enforce the provisions of the Uniform Continuing Professional Education Act of the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners, which shall include the methods of determining accredited programs and other rules consistent with the Uniform Continuing Professional Education Act of the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners as the Board shall determine proper.

E. 1. The Board may grant to a physician who meets all the necessary requirements for registration and licensure, except the continuing education requirements, alternate methods of obtaining continuing education hours through home-study courses, correspondence courses, audiovisual aids, or other programs substantially equivalent in scope and content to the continuing professional education programs regularly scheduled; provided, however, only those physicians shall be eligible for the alternative programs who, upon prior written application to the Board and for good cause shown, demonstrate that they are unable to attend a sufficient number of regularly scheduled continuing professional education programs to obtain the requisite number of continuing education hours for registration and licensure.

2. Any physician who does not meet the requirement for continuing education may obtain an inactive renewal certificate of registration for any year past, present or future, for a fee not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per year. Under no circumstances

shall the holder of an inactive renewal certificate of registration be allowed to engage in the practice of medicine in Oklahoma.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

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