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AB-1791 Physicians and surgeons: continuing education. (2017-2018)

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Assembly Bill No. 1791

CHAPTER 122

An act to add Section 2191.4 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1791, Waldron. Physicians and surgeons: continuing education.

Existing law, the Medical Practice Act, provides for the licensure and regulation of physicians and surgeons by the Medical Board of California. Under that act, the board is required to adopt and administer standards for the continuing education of physicians and surgeons.

This bill would require the board, in determining continuing education requirements, to consider including a course in integrating HIV/AIDS pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) medication maintenance and counseling in primary care settings, as specified.

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 2191.4 is added to the Business and Professions Code, to read:

2191.4. The board, in determining its continuing education requirements, shall consider including a course in integrating HIV/AIDS pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) medication maintenance and counseling in primary care settings, especially as it pertains to HIV testing, access to care, counseling, high-risk communities, patient concerns, exposure to HIV/AIDS, and the appropriate care and treatment referrals. That course shall be consistent with the most recent guidelines on PrEP and PEP as published by the United States Public Health Service and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.