HOUSE BILL NO. 6445

November 05, 2026, Introduced by Rep. Bierlein and referred to Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled

"Public health code,"

by amending sections 17033 and 17533 (MCL 333.17033 and 333.17533), as amended by 1994 PA 234.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 17033. (1) Notwithstanding the requirements of part 161, **subject to subsection (3),** the board may require a ~~licensee~~ **physician** seeking renewal of ~~a~~ **the physician's** license to furnish the board with satisfactory evidence that during the 3 years

immediately preceding application for renewal the ~~licensee~~ **physician** has attended continuing education courses or programs approved by the board totaling not less than 150 hours in subjects related to the practice of medicine including, but not limited to, medical ethics and designed to further educate **physician** licensees.

(2) As required under section 16204, the board shall promulgate rules requiring each ~~applicant for~~ **physician who is seeking** license renewal to complete as part of the continuing education requirement of subsection (1) an appropriate number of hours or courses in pain and symptom management.

(3) If a physician completes or continues to meet the requirements for a national certification from a certifying body during the 3 years immediately preceding application for renewal, the board shall accept verification of the certification as meeting the continuing education requirements under subsection (1). As used in this subsection, "certifying body" means a person that meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(10) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501.

(b) Maintains a process to define, periodically review, enforce, and update specific standards on the knowledge and skills required for physician specialty or subspecialty areas.

(c) Administers a psychometrically valid assessment to determine whether a physician meets the standards for initial certification and continuing certification.

(d) Establishes and enforces a code of professional conduct for physicians.

(e) Requires that a physician meet the person's requirements for recertification or continuing certification.

Sec. 17533. (1) Notwithstanding the requirements of part 161, **subject to subsection (3),** the board may require a ~~licensee~~ **physician** seeking renewal of ~~a~~ **the physician's** license to furnish the board with satisfactory evidence that during the 3 years immediately preceding an application for renewal the ~~licensee~~ **physician** has attended continuing education courses or programs approved by the board and totaling not less than 150 hours in subjects related to the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery and designed to further educate **physician** licensees.

(2) As required under section 16204, the board shall promulgate rules requiring each ~~applicant for~~ **physician who is seeking** license renewal to complete as part of the continuing education requirement of subsection (1) an appropriate number of hours or courses in pain and symptom management.

(3) If a physician completes or continues to meet the requirements for a national certification from a certifying body during the 3 years immediately preceding application for renewal, the board shall accept verification of the certification as meeting the continuing education requirements under subsection (1). As used in this subsection, "certifying body" means a person that meets all of the following requirements:

(a) Is exempt from taxation under section 501(c)(10) of the internal revenue code of 1986, 26 USC 501.

(b) Maintains a process to define, periodically review, enforce, and update specific standards on the knowledge and skills required for physician specialty or subspecialty areas.

(c) Administers a psychometrically valid assessment to determine whether a physician meets the standards for initial certification and continuing certification.

(d) Establishes and enforces a code of professional conduct for physicians.

(e) Requires that a physician meet the person's requirements for recertification or continuing certification.