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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

SECTION 1. Chapter 329, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding two new sections to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**"§329-A Narcotics advisory committee; established. (a)**

There is established a narcotics advisory committee within the department for administrative purposes. The committee shall be composed of five members appointed by the governor in accordance with section 26-34. Of the five members:

(1) Four members shall be physicians licensed to prescribe prescription drugs within the scope of the physician's practice in accordance with chapter 453; and

(2) One member shall be a registered pharmacist, as defined in section 461-1;

provided that all members shall be in good standing.

(b) All members shall serve a term of \_\_\_\_\_ years. Any vacancies occurring in the membership of the committee shall be



1 filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same  
2 manner as the original appointments.

3 (c) The purpose of the narcotics advisory committee shall  
4 be to recommend acceptable continuing medical education program  
5 topics and curriculum to the department's narcotics enforcement  
6 division, which shall qualify for the per cycle credits required  
7 by the continuing medical education requirements pursuant to  
8 section 329-B.

9 **§329-B Continuing medical education program; prescribing**  
10 **practitioners; narcotics.** (a) There shall be established a  
11 mandatory continuing medical education program for prescribing  
12 practitioners who prescribe narcotic drugs pursuant to section  
13 329-38.

14 (b) A prescribing practitioner shall earn four credits  
15 every two year cycle to maintain the prescribing practitioner's  
16 Drug Enforcement Administration license; provided that the  
17 credit requirements shall be incorporated into the license  
18 certification process via the Drug Enforcement Administration's  
19 registration renewal website.

20 (c) Acceptable continuing medical education program topics  
21 and curriculum shall be determined by the department's narcotics



1 enforcement division, in consultation with the narcotics  
2 advisory committee pursuant to section 329-A."

3 SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section  
4 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
5 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
6 the new sections in this Act.

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2015.

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**Report Title:**

Narcotics Advisory Committee; Continuing Medical Education;  
Narcotics

**Description:**

Establishes the narcotics advisory committee to recommend acceptable topics and curriculum for the continuing medical education program. Establishes requirements for a mandatory continuing medical education program for prescribing practitioners that prescribe narcotic drugs.

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