

**ENROLLED****H. B. 2815**

(By Delegates Douglas, Staton, Leach,  
Amores, Michael, Compton and Fleischauer)

[Passed April 13, 2001; in effect ninety days from passage.]

AN ACT to amend and reenact section seven-a, article one, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to continuing education for certain health care professionals.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

That section seven-a, article one, chapter thirty of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL STATE BOARDS OF EXAMINATION OR REGISTRATION REFERRED TO IN CHAPTER.**

**§30-1-7a. Continuing education.**

(a) Each board referred to in this chapter shall establish continuing education requirements as a prerequisite to license renewal. Each board shall develop continuing education criteria appropriate to its discipline, which shall include, but not be limited to, course content, course approval, hours required and reporting periods.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code or the provision of any rule to the contrary, each person issued a license to practice medicine and surgery or a license to practice podiatry or a license as a physician assistant by the West Virginia board of medicine, each person licensed as a pharmacist by the West Virginia board of pharmacy, each person licensed to practice registered professional nursing or licensed as an advanced nurse practitioner by the West Virginia board of examiners for registered professional nurses, each person licensed as a licensed practical nurse by the West Virginia state board of examiners for licensed practical nurses and each person licensed to practice medicine and surgery as an osteopathic physician and surgeon or certified as an osteopathic physician assistant by the West Virginia board of osteopathy shall complete two hours of continuing education coursework in the subject of end-of-life care including pain management during each continuing education reporting period. The two hours shall be part of the total hours of continuing education required by each board by rule and not two additional hours.