

SENATE BILL No. 47

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-1-9-22.

Synopsis: Health care professional cultural training. Requires an individual seeking licensure in a health care profession to complete cultural competency training.

Effective: July 1, 2015.

Breaux

January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions & Labor.



First Regular Session 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-1-9-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
- 3 1, 2015]: **Sec. 22. (a) As used in this section, "board" does not**
- 4 **include the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners**
- 5 **(IC 25-38.1-2).**
- 6 **(b) An individual who seeks a license issued by a board must**
- 7 **first complete, before a license may be issued, cultural competency**
- 8 **training that includes the following:**
- 9 **(1) Awareness of:**
- 10 **(A) cultural differences;**
- 11 **(B) the individual's beliefs and behaviors related to**
- 12 **cultural differences; and**
- 13 **(C) the effect of the individual's beliefs and behaviors**
- 14 **described in clause (B) on patients and other persons.**
- 15 **(2) Knowledge of:**
- 16 **(A) various cultural groups with whom the individual is**



- 1 **likely to work in the individual's profession; and**
- 2 **(B) the effects of social and behavioral differences on the**
- 3 **health of members of the cultural groups.**
- 4 **(3) Skills to modify the individual's behavior to:**
- 5 **(A) improve patient understanding of health needs; and**
- 6 **(B) accommodate cultural requirements;**
- 7 **to foster patient compliance with wellness and treatment**
- 8 **plans.**
- 9 **(4) Ability to advocate for the patient in obtaining necessary**
- 10 **support to achieve improvement in patient health.**
- 11 **(c) This section applies to a new license issued after June 30,**
- 12 **2015.**

