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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH.

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

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

4 "§329-A Narcotics advisory committee; established. (a)

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

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

12 (2) Two members shall be advanced practice registered  
13 nurses licensed under chapter 457; and

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

16 provided that all members shall be in good standing.

17 (b) All members shall serve a term of four years. Any  
18 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 (d) Members shall serve without compensation, but shall be  
10 reimbursed for actual expenses, including travel expenses,  
11 necessary for the performance of their duties.

12 **§329-B Continuing medical education program; prescribing**  
13 **practitioners; narcotics.** (a) There shall be established a  
14 mandatory continuing medical education program for prescribing  
15 practitioners who prescribe narcotic drugs pursuant to section  
16 329-38.

17 (b) A prescribing practitioner shall earn four credits  
18 every two year cycle to maintain the prescribing practitioner's  
19 state controlled substance registration certificate; provided  
20 that the credit requirements shall be incorporated into the



1 registration certification process via the department's  
2 registration renewal website.

3 (c) Acceptable continuing medical education program topics  
4 and curriculum shall be determined by the department's narcotics  
5 enforcement division, in consultation with the narcotics  
6 advisory committee pursuant to section 329-A."

7 SECTION 2. In codifying the new sections added by section  
8 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
9 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
10 the new sections in this Act.

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**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. (SD2)

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