

**Senator Patricia W. Jones** proposes the following substitute bill:

**EDUCATION FOR PRESCRIBING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Patricia W. Jones**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends provisions of the Utah Controlled Substances Act.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

► requires a prescriber applying for a new or renewed controlled substance license to take four hours of controlled substance prescribing classes each licensing period;

► requires the Division of Occupations and Professional Licensing, in consultation with the Utah Medical Association and other medical licensing boards, to establish educational content of controlled substance prescribing classes to help establish safe and effective practices for prescribing controlled substances, hypnotic depressants, and psychostimulants;

► provides that any controlled substance prescribing class required under this bill does not increase the total continuing medical education requirements of a prescriber obtaining; and

► allows the division to establish rules.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**



26 None

27 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

28 ENACTS:

29 **58-37-6.5**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



31 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

32 Section 1. Section **58-37-6.5** is enacted to read:

33 **58-37-6.5. Continuing professional education for controlled substance prescribers.**

34 (1) Beginning on July 1, 2012, each individual, other than a veterinarian, who has a  
35 license to prescribe a controlled substance under Title 58, Chapter 37, Utah Controlled  
36 Substances Act, shall complete at least four continuing professional education hours in  
37 approved controlled substance classes per licensing period.

38 (b) Any controlled substance prescribing class under this section shall:

39 (i) qualify for the AMA PRA Category 1 Credit;

40 (ii) be presented by an organization accredited to provide continuing medical education

41 by:

42 (A) the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education;

43 (B) the Utah Medical Association; or

44 (C) another recognized state continuing medical education accrediting body; and

45 (iii) be approved by:

46 (A) the recognized state continuing medical education accrediting body; and

47 (B) the division.

48 (2) The division, by rule and in consultation with the applicable practitioner licensing  
49 board and the recognized state continuing medical education accrediting body, shall establish  
50 educational content for any controlled substance prescribing class under this section. The  
51 content shall include:

52 (a) the scope of controlled substance prescribing problem;

53 (b) abuse, dependence, and addictive properties and toxicity of controlled substances;

54 (c) use of state controlled substance database;

55 (d) specific pharmacology;

56 (e) screening for risk;

- 57           (f) monitoring compliance;  
58           (g) prevention strategies;  
59           (h) early and late interventions and treatment;  
60           (i) state controlled substances guidelines; and  
61           (j) patient education on controlled substances, such as opioid analgesics,  
62 sedative/hypnotic depressants, and psychostimulants, and dangers and appropriate uses of  
63 controlled substances.
- 64           (3) A controlled substance prescribing class required under this section:  
65           (a) may be held:  
66           (i) in conjunction with other continuing medical education programs; and  
67           (ii) online;  
68           (b) does not increase the total number of states required continuing medical education  
69 hours required for a prescriber; and  
70           (c) shall be reported by an individual as part of the continuing medical education  
71 required for licensing.
- 72           (3) The division may establish rules, in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah  
73 Administrative Rulemaking Act, to implement this section.