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S.B. No. 2626

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to ectopic pregnancies and continuing education for  
3 certain physicians and nurses regarding treatment of certain  
4 pregnancy-related conditions.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 245.002(4-a), Health and Safety Code, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 (4-a) "Ectopic pregnancy" means the implantation of a  
9 fertilized egg or embryo:

10 (A) outside of the uterus;

11 (B) in an intrauterine location at which the  
12 fertilized egg or embryo becomes nonviable; or

13 (C) in a scarred portion of the uterus.

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 156, Occupations Code, is  
15 amended by adding Section 156.061 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 156.061. CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION REGARDING  
17 TREATMENT OF CERTAIN PREGNANCY-RELATED CONDITIONS. (a) In this  
18 section:

19 (1) "Abortion" and "ectopic pregnancy" have the  
20 meanings assigned by Section 245.002, Health and Safety Code.

21 (2) "Medical emergency" has the meaning assigned by  
22 Section 171.002, Health and Safety Code.

23 (b) A physician licensed under this subtitle who submits an  
24 application for renewal of a registration permit and whose practice

1 includes treating pregnant women shall complete, in accordance with  
2 this section, at least one hour of continuing medical education  
3 approved by the board on the treatment of:

- 4 (1) pregnancy-related medical emergencies;
- 5 (2) ectopic pregnancy; and
- 6 (3) situations involving a dead, unborn child whose  
7 death was caused by a spontaneous abortion.

8 (c) The continuing medical education required under  
9 Subsection (b) must include instruction on:

- 10 (1) standards of care for managing a condition or  
11 situation described by Subsection (b);
- 12 (2) identification of and timely response to a medical  
13 emergency caused or aggravated by a woman's pregnancy and that  
14 requires intervention;
- 15 (3) how abortion is defined under Section [245.002](#),  
16 Health and Safety Code, including the medical situations and  
17 interventions excluded from abortion regulations protecting unborn  
18 life;
- 19 (4) how medical emergency is defined under Section  
20 [171.002](#), Health and Safety Code, and what interventions are  
21 permitted in a medical emergency involving a pregnant woman; and
- 22 (5) communication strategies for effectively  
23 discussing a condition or situation described by Subsection (b)  
24 with patients and their families.

25 (d) A physician must complete one hour of continuing medical  
26 education required by Subsection (b) in each of the first two  
27 renewal periods following the issuance of the physician's initial

1 registration permit under this chapter, with one hour to be  
2 completed not later than the first anniversary of the date of  
3 issuance.

4 (e) After the period described by Subsection (d), a  
5 physician must complete not less than one hour of continuing  
6 medical education as described by Subsection (b) every eight years.

7 (f) The hours required by this section may be counted toward  
8 the hours of continuing medical education required by Section  
9 156.051(a)(2).

10 (g) The board shall adopt rules to implement this section,  
11 including rules to establish the content of and approval  
12 requirements for continuing medical education required under this  
13 section.

14 SECTION 3. Subchapter G, Chapter 301, Occupations Code, is  
15 amended by adding Section 301.309 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 301.309. CONTINUING EDUCATION REGARDING TREATMENT OF  
17 CERTAIN PREGNANCY-RELATED CONDITIONS. (a) In this section:

18 (1) "Abortion" and "ectopic pregnancy" have the  
19 meanings assigned by Section 245.002, Health and Safety Code.

20 (2) "Medical emergency" has the meaning assigned by  
21 Section 171.002, Health and Safety Code.

22 (b) As part of a continuing competency program under Section  
23 301.303, a license holder whose practice includes treating pregnant  
24 women and who is required under board rules to comply with this  
25 section shall complete at least one hour of continuing education  
26 during each two-year licensing period relating to the treatment of:

27 (1) pregnancy-related medical emergencies;

1           (2) ectopic pregnancy; and

2           (3) situations involving a dead, unborn child whose  
3 death was caused by a spontaneous abortion.

4           (c) The continuing education under Subsection (b) must  
5 include instruction on:

6           (1) standards of care for managing a condition or  
7 situation described by Subsection (b);

8           (2) identification of and timely response to a medical  
9 emergency caused or aggravated by a woman's pregnancy and that  
10 requires intervention;

11           (3) how abortion is defined under Section [245.002](#),  
12 Health and Safety Code, including the medical situations and  
13 interventions excluded from abortion regulations protecting unborn  
14 life;

15           (4) how medical emergency is defined under Section  
16 [171.002](#), Health and Safety Code, and what interventions are  
17 permitted in a medical emergency involving a pregnant woman; and

18           (5) communication strategies for effectively  
19 discussing a condition or situation described by Subsection (b)  
20 with patients and their families.

21           (d) The continuing education required under Subsection (b)  
22 must be part of a program approved under Section [301.303](#)(c).

23           (e) The board shall adopt rules to identify the license  
24 holders who are required to complete continuing education under  
25 Subsection (b) and to establish the content of that continuing  
26 education. The board may adopt other rules to implement this  
27 section, including rules under Section [301.303](#)(c) for the approval

1 of education programs and providers.

2 SECTION 4. (a) Not later than December 1, 2025, the Texas  
3 Medical Board shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section  
4 156.061, Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

5 (b) Not later than December 1, 2025, the Texas Board of  
6 Nursing shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 301.309,  
7 Occupations Code, as added by this Act.

8 SECTION 5. (a) Section 156.061, Occupations Code, as added  
9 by this Act, applies only to an application for renewal of a  
10 registration permit submitted on or after January 1, 2026. An  
11 application submitted before January 1, 2026, is governed by the  
12 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and  
13 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

14 (b) Section 301.309, Occupations Code, as added by this Act,  
15 applies only to an application for the renewal of a license to  
16 practice nursing submitted on or after January 1, 2026. An  
17 application submitted before January 1, 2026, is governed by the  
18 law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and  
19 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

20 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.