

House Bill 564

By: Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Cooper of the 43rd, Clark of the 101st, Rogers of the 29th, and Bennett of the 94th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to medical practice, so as to require physicians to complete continuing education
3 training on prescribing controlled substances and the development of addiction; to provide
4 for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 medical practice, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

9 "43-34-46.

10 (a) Physicians licensed to practice medicine pursuant to this article shall complete at least
11 five hours of continuing education biennially in the ordering and use of controlled
12 substances and the risks and indicators regarding development of addiction to controlled
13 substances. Physicians shall provide documentation to the board verifying completion of
14 such continuing education.

15 (b) The requirement contained in this Code section may count toward the biennial
16 continuing education requirement contained in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code
17 Section 43-34-11."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.