

# STATEMENT OF SCOPE

## DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

Rule No.: DE 13

Relating to: Designating Continuing Education on the topic of Prescribing Controlled Substances

Rule Type: Emergency and Permanent

### 1. Finding/nature of emergency (Emergency Rule only):

Establishing continuing education requirements relating to the prescribing of controlled substances is another component to the current statewide initiatives addressing prescription drug abuse. The dentists renew their license on October 1, 2017 and it would be advantageous to have the requirement in place for the beginning of the biennium. Expeditious promulgation of this rule is necessary to ensure public health, safety and welfare.

### 2. Detailed description of the objective of the proposed rule:

The objective of the proposed rule is to specify a portion of the continuing education requirements address responsible prescribing of controlled substances.

### 3. Description of the existing policies relevant to the rule, new policies proposed to be included in the rule, and an analysis of policy alternatives:

In response to the opioid epidemic, the policy proposed will require a portion of the biennial continuing education address the responsible prescribing of controlled substances. An alternative to this rule change is to leave DE 13 as written which does not address the growing concern with prescription drug abuse.

### 4. Detailed explanation of statutory authority for the rule (including the statutory citation and language):

15.08 (5) (b) Each Examining Board shall promulgate rules for its own guidance and for the guidance of the trade or profession to which it pertains, and define and enforce professional conduct and unethical practices not inconsistent with the law relating to the particular trade or profession.

447.02 (1) (f) The examining board may promulgate rules governing compliance with continuing education requirements under s. 447.056.

### 5. Estimate of amount of time that state employees will spend developing the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule :

50 hours

### 6. List with description of all entities that may be affected by the proposed rule :

Dentists

**7. Summary and preliminary comparison with any existing or proposed federal regulation that is intended to address the activities to be regulated by the proposed rule :**

None

**8. Anticipated economic impact of implementing the rule (note if the rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on small businesses):**

None to minimal. There is not likely to be a significant economic impact on small businesses.

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