

**SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-SECOND SESSION**

S.F. No. 394

(SENATE AUTHORS: WIGER)

DATE
01/28/2021

D-PG
183

Introduction and first reading
Referred to Health and Human Services Finance and Policy

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to health occupations; modifying continuing education requirements;

1.3 appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 214.12, by

1.4 adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 214.12, is amended by adding a subdivision

1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. **Benzodiazepine prescribing.** The Board of Medical Practice, the Board of

1.9 Nursing, and the Board of Dentistry must require that licensees with the authority to prescribe

1.10 controlled substances obtain at least two hours of continuing education credit on best practices

1.11 in prescribing drugs classified as benzodiazepines. Continuing education must emphasize

1.12 prescribing benzodiazepines for short-term treatment and include training on tapering and

1.13 discontinuing benzodiazepine use. Continuing education required under this section must

1.14 meet board requirements. All new licensees must complete the required continuing education

1.15 within one year of initial licensure. All current licensees must complete the required

1.16 continuing education before January 1, 2023.

1.17 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.18 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the state government special revenue

1.19 fund to the Board of Medical Practice for costs associated with continuing education on

1.20 prescribing benzodiazepines. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.1 (b) \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the state government special revenue
2.2 fund to the Board of Nursing for costs associated with continuing education on prescribing
2.3 benzodiazepines. This is a onetime appropriation.

2.4 (c) \$..... in fiscal year 2022 is appropriated from the state government special revenue
2.5 fund to the Board of Dentistry for costs associated with continuing education on prescribing
2.6 benzodiazepines. This is a onetime appropriation.