

1 AN ACT concerning government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Controlled Substances Act is
5 amended by adding Section 315.5 as follows:

6 (720 ILCS 570/315.5 new)

7 Sec. 315.5. Opioid education for prescribers. Every
8 prescriber who is required under this Act to be registered to
9 prescribe controlled substances shall, during the pre-renewal
10 period, complete 3 hours of continuing education in safe opioid
11 prescribing practices, which must include the following
12 subjects: Illinois and federal requirements for prescribing
13 controlled substances; appropriate prescribing; pain
14 management; prevention, screening, and signs of abuse and
15 addiction; and responses to abuse and addiction.
16 Notwithstanding anything that may appear in any individual
17 licensing Act or administrative rule, a prescriber may count
18 these 3 hours toward the total continuing education hours
19 required for renewal of professional licensure if the course is
20 presented by an approved continuing education provider. The
21 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation may adopt
22 rules for the administration of this Section.

1 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January
2 1, 2019.