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**ALABAMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners

RULE NO. & TITLE: 540-X-12-.05, Renewal of a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Registration Certificate (QACSC)

INTENDED ACTION: To amend the rule

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: To amend the rule to provide that continuing education necessary for renewal of QACSC shall be obtained from a Board approved course or courses

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: All interested persons may submit data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed new rule(s) and regulation(s) in writing to: Patricia E. Shaner, Office of General Counsel, Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 946, 848 Washington Avenue (36104), Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946, by mail or in person between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, until and including Monday, March 9, 2015. Persons wishing to obtain copies of the text of this rule should contact Patricia E. Shaner, Office of General Counsel, (334-242-4116), PO Box 946, 848 Washington Avenue (36104), Montgomery, Alabama 36101-0946.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: March 9, 2015

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Registration Certificate (QACSC).

(1) Renewal of a QACSC shall be annually on or before January 1st of each year. An application for annual renewal of a QACSC shall be received by the Board on or before December 31st and shall be accompanied by the required QACSC renewal fee.

(2) The Board shall not renew the QACSC of any P.A. when an administrative fine has been assessed by the Board until such fine is paid in full. In the event that the fine is subsequently reduced or set aside on judicial review, the P.A. shall be entitled to a prompt refund of the amount of the fine, but shall not be entitled to interest thereon.

(3) As a requirement for renewing a QACSC, a P.A. shall obtain, every two years, four (4) AMA PRA Category 1 credits™ or equivalent through a Board approved course or courses regarding the prescribing of controlled substances every two years.

(3) Before renewing a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate, the applicant shall have a current registration to access the Controlled Substances Prescription Database established and maintained by the Alabama Department of Public Health.

(4) Before renewing a Qualified Alabama Controlled Substances Certificate, an applicant shall have a current and appropriate registration issued by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

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