

Oppose B25-751

FIREARM INJURY PREVENTION ACT



The physician community is opposed to this bill for the following reasons:



No topic applies to all specialties

- Not all physicians see or treat firearm victims
- This bill would require education that does not improve their practice of medicine



A mechanism exists to address this

- DC requires at least 5 hours of “public health” CME
- It is a list of 10 topics physicians can choose from based on practice and patient need
- Item 3 is on violence, which covers this bill



Medical licenses don't test knowledge

- A license shows a physician is allowed to practice in DC
- DC Health list is ideal - physicians can ID basic knowledge needed for practice

MSDC and the physician community supports firearm education and efforts to limit the impact of firearm violence. However, mandating education to be licensed is counterproductive as it would require physicians regardless of practice type and education need to take it. Physicians should be trained on topics that impact them and their patients.

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