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Bill Analysis

The CS for SB 888 creates a registration process for pain management clinics in the state. Each pain management clinic must register with the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision unless otherwise exempted by the measure. Additionally, each location requires a separate registration with the Board and must provide the name of a physician who will ensure the clinic complies with all registration and operational requirements prescribed by the measure. Designated physicians must possess a full, active and unencumbered license. Clinics must inform the Board within ten days of any change to the designated physician's status of employment within the clinic. Additionally, the Board is authorized to charge up to a \$5,000.00 fine for each day of violations associated with this measure.

All registered clinics must be 100% owned by a licensed physician or physicians. The Board must deny an application if the applicant or applicants were previously denied a license in another jurisdiction, convicted of a felony related to drug diversion, or if their Drug Enforcement Administration number has ever been revoked. This prohibition extends to all owners involved in a pain management clinic, though an exemption may be granted by the Board if more than ten years have elapsed since the offense. Additionally, pain clinics are prohibited by the CS from dispensing any controlled dangerous substance on the premises. Pain clinics may dispense a sample of a particular controlled dangerous substance in an amount not to exceed an amount necessary for thirty days to a patient one time.

Physicians are prohibited by the measure from practicing in an unregistered pain clinic. Any prescriptions involving a controlled substance will require the physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse to provide a physical examination of the patient. Each physician employed by the clinic is also responsible for ensuring the facilities operational, safety, and hygiene compliance.

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