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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> House 2
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An act to amend KRS Chapter 218A.175 in order to better regulate pain management facilities.

## Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will amend existing Kentucky law KRS Chapter 218A.175 to require a licensed physician with a specialty in pain management to be present in the pain management facility 75% percent of the time that patients are being seen and prescribed pain medications. The existing law currently only requires the presence of the licensed physician 50% of that time. This bill also requires that the licensed physician with a specialty in pain management be present and physically examine each patient of the clinic no less than once every six months in order for the patient to continue receiving pain medications. Licensed nurse practitioners will be permitted to conduct follow up exams between the required physician visits.

Section 2: A pain management facility is a health care facility that focuses on the diagnosis and management
of chronic pain. All pain management facilities in the state of Kentucky will be required to present
documentation of the pain management physician's presence at the facility upon request. Random visits to
pain management facilities may also be conducted as needed. The Kentucky Drug Enforcement and
Professional Practices Branch (DEPPB) is current enforcing the existing law and will continue to do so

18 following the passage of this amendment.19

Section 3: Pain management facilities that fail to present documentation of the presence of a licensed physician during hours when patients are seen and prescribed pain medications will have the facility license suspended until the physician's presence can be established. Facilities with multiple suspensions will be subject to investigation by the DEPPB and may lose the ability to operate there facility within the state of Kentucky.

Section 4: This bill simply amends an existing Kentucky law and will come at no additional cost to the state
 of Kentucky.

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29 Section 5: This bill will go into effect 6 months after passage.