
DIGEST

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HB 1220 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to the La. St. Board of Medical Examiners (board).

Present law provides that the board shall have 10 voting members who are all appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law requires that all members of the board, except the consumer member, be physicians.

Present law provides that a physician member of the board shall, at the time of appointment, be a resident of this state for six months.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the resident requirement from six months to five years.

Present law provides for one consumer member of the board.

Proposed law provides that the consumer member shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

Proposed law prohibits a member from serving on the board if he is also a member of the governing body of a nominating organization, as provided by present law.

Proposed law requires the governor to ensure that his appointments to the board demonstrate diversity.

Proposed law requires the governor to provide a nominating organization notice of his intent to fill a vacancy on the board. Proposed law further requires the nominating organization to respond to the notice within 30 days and provide a list of nominees within 90 days. If the nominating agency fails to meet either deadline, the governor appoints a physician of his choosing.

Present law provides that the board shall hold at least one regular meeting each year.

Proposed law requires the board to hold at least five meetings each year.

Proposed law provides that the governor may select the president of the board from the members of the board, but if he does not select a president, the board shall select a president.

Proposed law requires the board to hire an executive director of the board who has administrative

oversight of the board and its subdivisions. Proposed law further requires the executive director to participate in discussions related to investigations and discipline of licensees.

Present law requires the board to hire a director of investigations who is a La.-licensed physician and actively practices medicine.

Proposed law clarifies present law that the director of investigations must actively practice in this state.

(Amends R.S. 37:1263(B)(1)-(7), (C)(1)(a) and (2)(b), and (D)(1), 1266, and 1270(A)(intro. para.) and (9); Adds R.S. 37:1263(C)(3) and (D)(4) and (5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Provide for the membership of the board.
2. Remove provisions relative to the domicile of the board.
3. Make technical changes.