

## **HOUSE BILL No. 5302**

February 8, 2000, Introduced by Reps. Jacobs, Hale, Switalski, Lockwood, Woodward, Mans, Tesanovich, Hansen, Daniels, Gieleghem, Bovin, Garza, Clark, Stallworth, Price, Brater, DeWeese, Kowall, Law, O'Neil, Dennis, DeHart, Scott, Toy, LaForge, Thomas and Lemmons and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code,"

by amending sections 16221 and 16226 (MCL 333.16221 and 333.16226), section 16221 as amended by 1998 PA 227 and section 16226 as amended by 1998 PA 109, and by adding sections 17017, 17416, and 17517.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 16221. The department may investigate activities
- 2 related to the practice of a health profession by a licensee, a
- 3 registrant, or an applicant for licensure or registration. The
- 4 department may hold hearings, administer oaths, and order rele-
- 5 vant testimony to be taken and shall report its findings to the
- 6 appropriate disciplinary subcommittee. The disciplinary
- 7 subcommittee shall proceed under section 16226 if it finds that 1
- 8 or more of the following grounds exist:

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- 1 (a) A violation of general duty, consisting of negligence or
- 2 failure to exercise due care, including negligent delegation to
- 3 or supervision of employees or other individuals, whether or not
- 4 injury results, or any conduct, practice, or condition which
- 5 impairs, or may impair, the ability to safely and skillfully
- 6 practice the health profession.
- 7 (b) Personal disqualifications, consisting of 1 or more of
- 8 the following:
- 9 (i) Incompetence.
- 10 (ii) Subject to sections 16165 to 16170a, substance abuse as
- 11 defined in section 6107.
- 12 (iii) Mental or physical inability reasonably related to and
- 13 adversely affecting the licensee's ability to practice in a safe
- 14 and competent manner.
- 15 (iv) Declaration of mental incompetence by a court of compe-
- 16 tent jurisdiction.
- 17 (v) Conviction of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment
- 18 for a maximum term of 2 years; a misdemeanor involving the ille-
- 19 gal delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance; or a
- 20 felony. A certified copy of the court record is conclusive evi-
- 21 dence of the conviction.
- 22 (vi) Lack of good moral character.
- 23 (vii) Conviction of a criminal offense under sections 520a
- 24 to 5201 of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520a to
- 25 750.5201. A certified copy of the court record is conclusive
- 26 evidence of the conviction.

- 1 (viii) Conviction of a violation of section 492a of the
- 2 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.492a. A certified copy
- 3 of the court record is conclusive evidence of the conviction.
- 4 (ix) Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony involving fraud
- 5 in obtaining or attempting to obtain fees related to the practice
- 6 of a health profession. A certified copy of the court record is
- 7 conclusive evidence of the conviction.
- 8 (x) Final adverse administrative action by a licensure, reg-
- 9 istration, disciplinary, or certification board involving the
- 10 holder of, or an applicant for, a license or registration regu-
- 11 lated by another state or a territory of the United States, by
- 12 the United States military, by the federal government, or by
- 13 another country. A certified copy of the record of the board is
- 14 conclusive evidence of the final action.
- 15 (xi) Conviction of a misdemeanor that is reasonably related
- 16 to or that adversely affects the licensee's ability to practice
- 17 in a safe and competent manner. A certified copy of the court
- 18 record is conclusive evidence of the conviction.
- 19 (c) Prohibited acts, consisting of 1 or more of the
- 20 following:
- 21 (i) Fraud or deceit in obtaining or renewing a license or
- 22 registration.
- 23 (ii) Permitting the license or registration to be used by an
- 24 unauthorized person.
- 25 (iii) Practice outside the scope of a license.
- 26 (iv) Obtaining, possessing, or attempting to obtain or
- 27 possess a controlled substance as defined in section 7104 or a

- 1 drug as defined in section 7105 without lawful authority; or
- 2 selling, prescribing, giving away, or administering drugs for
- 3 other than lawful diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.
- 4 (d) Unethical business practices, consisting of 1 or more of
- 5 the following:
- **6** (*i*) False or misleading advertising.
- 7 (ii) Dividing fees for referral of patients or accepting
- 8 kickbacks on medical or surgical services, appliances, or medica-
- 9 tions purchased by or in behalf of patients.
- 10 (iii) Fraud or deceit in obtaining or attempting to obtain
- 11 third party reimbursement.
- 12 (e) Unprofessional conduct, consisting of 1 or more of the
- 13 following:
- 14 (i) Misrepresentation to a consumer or patient or in obtain-
- 15 ing or attempting to obtain third party reimbursement in the
- 16 course of professional practice.
- 17 (ii) Betrayal of a professional confidence.
- 18 (iii) Promotion for personal gain of an unnecessary drug,
- 19 device, treatment, procedure, or service.
- 20 (iv) Directing or requiring an individual to purchase or
- 21 secure a drug, device, treatment, procedure, or service from
- 22 another person, place, facility, or business in which the
- 23 licensee has a financial interest.
- 24 (f) Failure to report a change of name or mailing address
- 25 within 30 days after the change occurs.
- 26 (g) A violation, or aiding or abetting in a violation, of
- 27 this article or of a rule promulgated under this article.

- 1 (h) Failure to comply with a subpoena issued pursuant to
- 2 this part, failure to respond to a complaint issued under this
- 3 article or article 7, failure to appear at a compliance confer-
- 4 ence or an administrative hearing, or failure to report under
- 5 section 16222 or 16223.
- **6** (i) Failure to pay an installment of an assessment levied
- 7 pursuant to section 2504 of the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA
- **8** 218, MCL  $\frac{500.2504}{}$  500.101 TO 500.8302, within 60 days after
- 9 notice by the appropriate board.
- 10 (j) A violation of section 17013 or 17513.
- 11 (k) Failure to meet 1 or more of the requirements for licen-
- 12 sure or registration under section 16174.
- 13 (1) A violation of section 17015 or 17515.
- 14 (m) A violation of section 17016 or 17516.
- (n) Failure to comply with section 9206(3).
- 16 (o) A violation of section 5654 or 5655.
- 17 (p) A violation of section 16274.
- 18 (Q) A VIOLATION OF SECTION 17017, 17416, OR 17517.
- 19 Sec. 16226. (1) After finding the existence of 1 or more of
- 20 the grounds for disciplinary subcommittee action listed in sec-
- 21 tion 16221, a disciplinary subcommittee shall impose 1 or more of
- 22 the following sanctions for each violation:

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- 24 <u>Violations of Section 16221</u> <u>Sanctions</u>
- 25 Subdivision (a), (b)(ii), Probation, limitation, denial,
- 26 (b)(iv), (b)(vi), or suspension, revocation,

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      (b)(vii)
                                      restitution, community service,
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                                      or fine.
                                   Revocation or denial.
 3 Subdivision (b)(viii)
                                   Limitation, suspension,
 4 Subdivision (b)(i),
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      (b)(iii), (b)(v),
                                     revocation, denial,
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       (b)(ix),
                                     probation, restitution,
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      (b)(x), or (b)(xi)
                                     community service, or fine.
 8 Subdivision (c)(i)
                                   Denial, revocation, suspension,
                                      probation, limitation, commu-
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                                      nity service, or fine.
11 Subdivision (c)(ii)
                                   Denial, suspension, revocation,
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                                      restitution, community service,
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                                      or fine.
14 Subdivision (c)(iii)
                                   Probation, denial, suspension,
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                                      revocation, restitution, commu-
                                      nity service, or fine.
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17 Subdivision (c)(iv)
                                    Fine, probation, denial,
                                      suspension, revocation, commu-
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     or (d)(iii)
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                                     nity service,
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                                      or restitution.
21 Subdivision (d)(i)
                                   Reprimand, fine, probation,
      or (d)(ii)
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                                      community service, denial,
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                                      or restitution.
24 Subdivision (e)(i)
                                   Reprimand, fine, probation,
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                                      limitation, suspension, commu-
                                      nity service, denial, or
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                                      suspension, restitution, commu-
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                                      nity service, denial, or fine.
                                    Reprimand, fine, probation,
 4 Subdivision (e)(iii)
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      or (e)(iv)
                                      suspension, revocation, limita-
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                                      tion, community service,
                                      denial, or restitution.
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 8 Subdivision (f)
                                    Reprimand or fine.
 9 Subdivision (g)
                                    Reprimand, probation, denial,
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                                      suspension, revocation, limita-
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                                      tion, restitution, community
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                                      service, or fine.
13 Subdivision (i)
                                    Suspension or fine.
14 Subdivision (j) or (o)
                                    Reprimand or fine.
15 Subdivision (k)
                                    Reprimand, denial, or
                                      limitation.
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17 Subdivision (1), \overline{\text{or}}
     (n), OR (Q)
                                    Denial, revocation, restitution,
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                                      probation, suspension, limita-
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                                      tion, reprimand, or fine.
21 Subdivision (m)
                                    Revocation or denial.
22 Subdivision (p)
                                    Revocation.
        (2) Determination of sanctions for violations under this
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24 section shall be made by a disciplinary subcommittee. If, during
25 judicial review, the court of appeals determines that a final
26 decision or order of a disciplinary subcommittee prejudices
27 substantial rights of the petitioner for 1 or more of the grounds
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- 1 listed in section 106 of the administrative procedures act of
- 2 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.306, and holds that the final decision
- 3 or order is unlawful and is to be set aside, the court shall
- 4 state on the record the reasons for the holding and may remand
- 5 the case to the disciplinary subcommittee for further
- 6 consideration.
- 7 (3) A disciplinary subcommittee may impose a AN
- 8 ADMINISTRATIVE fine of up to, but not exceeding, NOT MORE THAN
- 9 \$250,000.00 for a violation of section 16221(a) or (b). A DISCI-
- 10 PLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE MAY IMPOSE AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINE OF NOT
- 11 MORE THAN \$10,000.00 FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTION 17017, 17416, OR
- **12** 17517.
- 13 (4) A disciplinary subcommittee may require a licensee or
- 14 registrant or an applicant for licensure or registration who has
- 15 violated this article or article 7 or a rule promulgated under
- 16 this article or article 7 to satisfactorily complete an educa-
- 17 tional program, a training program, or a treatment program, a
- 18 mental, physical, or professional competence examination, or a
- 19 combination of those programs and examinations.
- SEC. 17017. (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), IF A PHYSICIAN
- 21 WHO SPECIALIZES IN OPHTHALMOLOGY DETERMINES UPON EXAMINING A
- 22 PATIENT THAT THE PATIENT NEEDS CONTACT LENSES, THE PHYSICIAN
- 23 SHALL GIVE THE PATIENT A COPY OF THE PRESCRIPTION FOR THE CONTACT
- 24 LENSES IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING OCCUR:
- 25 (A) THE PATIENT HAS HAD AN INITIAL FITTING AND A
- 26 CONTACT-LENS-RELATED FOLLOW-UP VISIT IS NOT SCHEDULED WITHIN 30
- 27 DAYS OF THE INITIAL FITTING.

- 1 (B) THE PATIENT REQUESTS A COPY OF THE PRESCRIPTION.
- 2 (2) A PHYSICIAN WHO SPECIALIZES IN OPHTHALMOLOGY MAY REFUSE
- 3 TO GIVE THE PATIENT A COPY OF THE PRESCRIPTION UNDER SUBSECTION
- 4 (1) ONLY UNDER 1 OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:
- 5 (A) THE PATIENT HAS NOT PAID FOR THE LATEST EYE EXAMINATION
- 6 AND THE PHYSICIAN WOULD HAVE REQUIRED IMMEDIATE PAYMENT FROM THE
- 7 PATIENT FOR THE EYE EXAMINATION IF THE EYE EXAMINATION HAD
- 8 REVEALED THAT NO CONTACT LENSES OR OTHER OPHTHALMIC GOODS WERE
- 9 REQUIRED BY THE PATIENT.
- 10 (B) THE PATIENT HAS NOT PAID THE PHYSICIAN FOR GOODS OR
- 11 SERVICES PREVIOUSLY RENDERED TO THE PATIENT BY THE PHYSICIAN.
- 12 (C) THE PHYSICIAN MAKES A GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION THAT
- 13 GIVING THE PATIENT A COPY OF THE PRESCRIPTION FOR THE CONTACT
- 14 LENSES WOULD POSE AN IMMINENT DANGER TO THE PATIENT'S OCULAR
- 15 HEALTH.
- 16 (3) IF A PHYSICIAN GIVES A PATIENT A PRESCRIPTION FOR CON-
- 17 TACT LENSES UNDER THIS SECTION AND IF THE PATIENT HAS THE PRE-
- 18 SCRIPTION FILLED BY A PERSON OTHER THAN THE PHYSICIAN OR A PERSON
- 19 EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT TO THE PHYSICIAN, THE PHYSICIAN IS
- 20 NOT LIABLE IN A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES FOR AN INJURY TO THE
- 21 PATIENT CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE MANUFACTURING, PACK-
- 22 AGING, OR DISPENSING OF THE CONTACT LENSES.
- 23 (4) A PHYSICIAN WHO ISSUES A PRESCRIPTION FOR CONTACT LENSES
- 24 SHALL INCLUDE A DIRECTIVE TO THE PERSON FILLING THE PRESCRIPTION
- 25 TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN WARNING WITH THE CONTACT
- 26 LENSES:

- 1 "NOTICE: IF YOU EXPERIENCE ANY UNEXPLAINED EYE
- 2 DISCOMFORT, WATERING, VISION CHANGE, OR REDNESS,
- 3 REMOVE YOUR CONTACT LENSES IMMEDIATELY AND
- 4 CONSULT YOUR EYE CARE PRACTITIONER BEFORE
- 5 WEARING YOUR CONTACT LENSES AGAIN.".
- **6** (5) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:
- 7 (A) "OPHTHALMIC GOODS" MEANS EYEGLASSES OR ANY COMPONENT OF
- 8 EYEGLASSES, OR CONTACT LENSES.
- 9 (B) "PRESCRIPTION" MEANS THAT TERM AS DEFINED IN SECTION
- 10 17708, BUT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 11 (i) THE PATIENT'S NAME AND A WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF THE
- 12 APPROPRIATE OPTICAL AND PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CONTACT
- 13 LENSES INCLUDING ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:
- 14 (A) DIOPTIC POWER OF THE CONTACT LENS.
- 15 (B) BASE CURVE OF THE CONTACT LENS.
- 16 (C) THE DIAMETER OF THE CONTACT LENS.
- 17 (D) THE BRAND OR TRADE NAME OF THE CONTACT LENS.
- 18 (ii) A SCHEDULE FOR WEARING THE CONTACT LENSES AND A REGIMEN
- 19 FOR THE CARE OF THE CONTACT LENSES.
- 20 (iii) A DIRECTIVE THAT THE CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTION BE DIS-
- 21 PENSED AS WRITTEN.
- 22 (iv) THE NUMERICAL QUANTITY OF CONTACT LENSES TO BE DIS-
- 23 PENSED UNDER THE INITIAL CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTION.
- 24 (v) THE NUMBER OF REFILLS ALLOWED UNDER THE CONTACT LENS
- 25 PRESCRIPTION.
- 26 (vi) THE DATE OF ISSUANCE AND A SPECIFIC EXPIRATION DATE FOR
- 27 THE CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTION.

- 1 (vii) THE PRINTED NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE
- 2 NUMBER OF THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN.
- 3 SEC. 17416. (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), IF AN OPTOME-
- 4 TRIST DETERMINES UPON EXAMINING A PATIENT THAT THE PATIENT NEEDS
- 5 CONTACT LENSES, THE OPTOMETRIST SHALL GIVE THE PATIENT A COPY OF
- 6 THE PRESCRIPTION FOR THE CONTACT LENSES IF BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING
- 7 OCCUR:
- 8 (A) THE PATIENT HAS HAD AN INITIAL FITTING AND A
- 9 CONTACT-LENS-RELATED FOLLOW-UP VISIT IS NOT SCHEDULED WITHIN 30
- 10 DAYS OF THE INITIAL FITTING.
- 11 (B) THE PATIENT REQUESTS A COPY OF THE PRESCRIPTION.
- 12 (2) AN OPTOMETRIST MAY REFUSE TO GIVE THE PATIENT A COPY OF
- 13 THE PRESCRIPTION UNDER SUBSECTION (1) ONLY UNDER 1 OR MORE OF THE
- 14 FOLLOWING CIRCUMSTANCES:
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- 17 THE PATIENT FOR THE EYE EXAMINATION IF THE EYE EXAMINATION HAD
- 18 REVEALED THAT NO CONTACT LENSES OR OTHER OPHTHALMIC GOODS WERE
- 19 REQUIRED BY THE PATIENT.
- 20 (B) THE PATIENT HAS NOT PAID THE OPTOMETRIST FOR GOODS OR
- 21 SERVICES PREVIOUSLY RENDERED TO THE PATIENT BY THE OPTOMETRIST.
- 22 (C) THE OPTOMETRIST MAKES A GOOD FAITH DETERMINATION THAT
- 23 GIVING THE PATIENT A COPY OF THE PRESCRIPTION FOR THE CONTACT
- 24 LENSES WOULD POSE AN IMMINENT DANGER TO THE PATIENT'S OCULAR
- 25 HEALTH.
- 26 (3) IF AN OPTOMETRIST GIVES A PATIENT A PRESCRIPTION FOR
- 27 CONTACT LENSES UNDER THIS SECTION AND IF THE PATIENT HAS THE

- 1 PRESCRIPTION FILLED BY A PERSON OTHER THAN THE OPTOMETRIST OR A
- 2 PERSON EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT TO THE OPTOMETRIST, THE
- 3 OPTOMETRIST IS NOT LIABLE IN A CIVIL ACTION FOR DAMAGES FOR AN
- 4 INJURY TO THE PATIENT CAUSED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY BY THE MANU-
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- 3 (iii) A DIRECTIVE THAT THE CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTION BE DIS-
- 4 PENSED AS WRITTEN.
- 5 (iv) THE NUMERICAL QUANTITY OF CONTACT LENSES TO BE DIS-
- 6 PENSED UNDER THE INITIAL CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTION.
- 7 (v) THE NUMBER OF REFILLS ALLOWED UNDER THE CONTACT LENS
- 8 PRESCRIPTION.
- 9 (vi) THE DATE OF ISSUANCE AND A SPECIFIC EXPIRATION DATE FOR
- 10 THE CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTION.
- 11 (vii) THE PRINTED NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE
- 12 NUMBER OF THE PRESCRIBING PHYSICIAN.
- 13 SEC. 17517. (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (2), IF A PHYSICIAN
- 14 WHO SPECIALIZES IN OPHTHALMOLOGY DETERMINES UPON EXAMINING A
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