

# Legislative Analysis



## OCCUPATION TITLES & BOARD PROVISIONS: RELOCATE WITHIN PUBLIC HEALTH CODE

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House Bills 6146, 6147, and 6207 as passed  
by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Edward Gaffney, Jr.

House Bill 6143 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Joe Hune

House Bills 6062-6064 and 6149 as passed  
by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Leslie Mortimer

House Bill 6144 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Stephen F. Adamini

House Bill 6086 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Lisa Wojno

House Bill 6145 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Michael C. Murphy

House Bill 6138 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Barb Vander Veen

House Bill 6148 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Brenda Clack

House Bill 6139 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Richard Ball

House Bill 6150 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. John Gleason

House Bill 6140 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. David Robertson

House Bill 6205 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Green

House Bill 6141 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Roger Kahn

House Bill 6206 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Mike Nofs

House Bill 6142 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Gary A. Newell

House Bill 6208 as passed by the House  
Sponsor: Rep. Chris Ward

**Committee: Health Policy**  
**First Analysis (8-28-06)**

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** Section 16263 of the Public Health Code lists all the occupational titles whose use is restricted to individuals licensed or registered under the code. Section 16131 lists the expiration of terms of members of all occupational boards and task forces. Generally speaking, the package of bills would instead place the restricted titles and expiration of terms of board members within that part of the code that regulates each respective profession.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** The bills would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

### **THE APPARENT PROBLEM:**

Though each regulated health profession has its own section of the Public Health Code that details such things as educational requirements, scope of practice, creation of a regulatory board, and appointments to that board, all of the occupational titles of the various health professions that can only be used by persons licensed or registered with the state, along with

the dates that the various board members' terms expire, are lumped together in a different location of the health code.

Some feel that a better way to organize this information would be to place the restricted titles and expiration of terms of board members within the sections of the health code that regulates each specific profession.

### ***THE CONTENT OF THE BILLS:***

Section 16263 of the Public Health Code lists all the occupational titles whose use is restricted to individuals licensed or registered under the code. Section 16131 lists the expiration of terms of members of all occupational boards and task forces. Each bill in the package, with the exception of House Bill 6147, would instead place the restricted titles and expiration of terms of board members within the part of the code that regulates each respective profession. All of the bills are tie-barred to House Bill 6147.

House Bill 6147 would amend the Public Health Code (MCL 333.7301a et al.) to repeal Sections 16263 and 16131 and make several editorial revisions to reflect the repeal of those two sections.

House Bill 6062 would amend the section of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.16511 and 333.16521) that pertains to acupuncturists.

House Bill 6063 would amend the section of the code (MCL 333.18811 and 333.18821) pertaining to veterinarians.

House Bill 6064 would amend the section of the code (MCL 333.18705) pertaining to respiratory therapists.

House Bill 6086 would amend the section pertaining to sanitarians. (MCL 333.18411)

House Bill 6138 would amend the section of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.17211 and 333.17221) that pertains to the practice of nursing.

House Bill 6139 would amend the section of the code pertaining to optometrists. (MCL 333.17411 and 333.17421)

House Bill 6140 would apply to audiologists. (MCL 333.16803 and 333.16805)

House Bill 6141 would amend the section of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.17011 and 333.17026) that pertains to physician's assistants.

House Bill 6142 would amend the section of the code (MCL 333.16411 and 333.16421) pertaining to the practice of chiropractic.

House Bill 6143 would amend the section of the code (MCL 333.18211 and 333.18221) pertaining to psychologists.

House Bill 6144 would apply to those in the profession of dentistry, including dental assistants and dental hygienists. (MCL 333.16605 and 16620)

House Bill 6145 would apply to occupational therapists. (MCL 333.18305)

House Bill 6146 would apply to social workers. (MCL 333.18505)

House Bill 6148 would amend the section pertaining to the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery. (MCL 333.17511 and 333.17526)

House Bill 6149 would amend the section of the code pertaining to podiatrists. (MCL 333.18011 and 333.18021)

House Bill 6150 would apply to licensed counselors. (MCL 333.18103, 333.18105, and 333.18115)

House Bill 6205 would apply to pharmacists. (MCL 333.17711 and 333.17721)

House Bill 6206 would apply to nursing home administrators. (MCL 333.17305)

House Bill 6207 would apply to marriage and family therapists. (MCL 333.16903, 333.16905, and 333.16907)

House Bill 6208 would apply to physical therapists and athletic trainers. (MCL 333.17820, 333.17821, and 333.17903)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

The bills are purely technical in nature and would better organize information pertaining to the use of restricted titles; that is, titles that are restricted to only those who are licensed by or registered with the state to engage in an occupation with a restricted title. The bill also better organizes information pertaining to the expiration dates of terms of board members for each specific profession.

***POSITIONS:***

The Department of Community Health supports the bills. (6-13-06)

The Michigan Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine indicated support for House Bill 6062. (6-13-06)

The Michigan Chapter – National Association of Social Workers (NASW) indicated support for House Bill 6146. (6-13-06)

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