

Legislative Analysis



OCCUPATION TITLES & BOARD PROVISIONS: RELOCATE WITHIN PUBLIC HEALTH CODE

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House Bills 6146, 6147, & 6207 as enrolled
Public Acts 393, 392, & 388 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Edward Gaffney, Jr.

House Bills 6062-6064 & 6149 as enrolled
Public Acts 397, 406, 407, & 391 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Leslie Mortimer

House Bill 6086 as enrolled
Public Act 408 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Lisa Wojno

House Bill 6138 as enrolled
Public Act 409 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Barb Vander Veen

House Bill 6139 as enrolled
Public Act 410 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Richard Ball

House Bill 6140 as enrolled
Public Act 411 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. David Robertson

House Bill 6141 as enrolled
Public Act 385 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Roger Kahn

House Bill 6142 as enrolled
Public Act 396 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Gary A. Newell

House Bill 6143 as enrolled
Public Act 395 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Joe Hune

House Bill 6145 as enrolled
Public Act 394 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Michael C. Murphy

House Bill 6148 as enrolled
Public Act 386 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Brenda Clack

House Bill 6150 as enrolled
Public Act 429 of 2005
Sponsor: Rep. John Gleason

House Bill 6205 as enrolled
Public Act 390 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Kevin Green

House Bill 6206 as enrolled
Public Act 389 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Mike Nofs

House Bill 6208 as enrolled
Public Act 387 of 2006
Sponsor: Rep. Chris Ward

House Committee: Health Policy
Senate Committee: Health Policy
Second Analysis (10-30-06)

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 repeal those two sections and instead place the provisions regarding restricted titles and expiration of terms of board members for a given occupation within the provisions of the health code that regulate that particular 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 health occupation titles 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 for a given health occupation within the sections of the health code that regulate that occupation.

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 provisions regarding restricted titles and the expiration of terms of board members for a given occupation within the provisions of the health code that regulate that particular occupation. 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 sections of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.16511 and 333.16521) that pertain to acupuncturists.

House Bill 6063 would amend sections 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 sections of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.17211 and 333.17221) that pertain to the practice of nursing.

House Bill 6139 would amend sections 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 sections of the Public Health Code (MCL 333.17011 and 333.17026) that pertain to physician's assistants.

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

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

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 sections pertaining to the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery. (MCL 333.17511 and 333.17526)

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

House Bill 6150 would apply to those in the profession of dentistry, including dental assistants and dental hygienists (MCL 333.16605 and 16620) and 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.

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