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## BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bills 6062, 6063, and 6064 (as passed by the House)  
House Bill 6086 (as passed by the House)  
House Bills 6138 through 6143 (as passed by the House)  
House Bills 6145 through 6148 (as passed by the House)  
House Bill 6149 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)  
House Bill 6150 (as passed by the House)  
House Bills 6205, 6206 and 6207 (as passed by the House)  
House Bill 6208 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Leslie Mortimer (H.B. 6062, 6063, 6064, & 6149)  
Representative Lisa Wojno (H.B. 6086)  
Representative Barbara Vander Veen (H.B. 6138)  
Representative Richard Ball (H.B. 6139)  
Representative David Robertson (H.B. 6140)  
Representative Roger Kahn (H.B. 6141)  
Representative Gary A. Newell (H.B. 6142)  
Representative Joe Hune (H.B. 6143)  
Representative Michael C. Murphy (H.B. 6145)  
Representative Edward Gaffney, Jr. (H.B. 6146, 6147, & 6207)  
Representative Brenda Clack (H.B. 6148)  
Representative John Gleason (H.B. 6150)  
Representative Kevin Green (H.B. 6205)  
Representative Mike Nofs (H.B. 6206)  
Representative Chris Ward (H.B. 6208)

House Committee: Health Policy  
Senate Committee: Health Policy

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**CONTENT**

**House Bill 6147 would repeal Sections 16131 and 16263 of the Public Health Code, which prescribe the length and expiration date of terms of members serving on boards regulating various health occupations, and restrict the use of certain words, titles, and letters to individuals authorized to use them under the Code, respectively.**

**House Bills 6062, 6063, 6064, 6138 through 6143, 6145, 6146, 6148, 6149 (H-1), 6150, and 6205 through 6208 (H-1) would reenact the provisions of the repealed sections in the part of the Code applicable to each profession.**

**House Bill 6086 would amend the Code to include the title "sanitarian" (in addition to "registered sanitarian" and "R.S.") among the titles that a person may not use unless he or she is registered under the Code.**

All of the bills are tie-barred to House Bill 6147.

Under Section 16131, the terms of office of individual members of regulatory boards and task forces, except those appointed to fill vacancies, expire four years after appointment on either June 30 or December 31, depending on the occupation. Under Section 16263, specific words, titles, or letters, or a combination of those words, titles, and letters are restricted in use, only to individuals authorized under Article 15 (Occupations) to use the terms in a way prescribed in Article 15. The bills would move these terms to the applicable part of the Code and specify that their use would be restricted with or without qualifying words or phrases. Table 1 lists each occupation and the part to which the existing provisions would be relocated, the restricted titles, the applicable board or task force, and the expiration date of a member's term.

Table 1

<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Part &amp; Occupation</b>	<b>Restricted Words, Titles, &amp; Letters</b>	<b>Regulatory Body</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
6063	188 (Veterinary Medicine)	veterinary, veterinarian, veterinary doctor, veterinary surgeon, doctor of veterinary medicine, V.M.D., D.V.M., animal technician, animal technologist	Board of Veterinary Medicine	December 31
6138	172 (Nursing)	registered professional nurse, registered nurse, R.N., licensed practical nurse, L.P.N., nurse midwife, nurse anesthetist, nurse practitioner, trained attendant, T.A.	Board of Nursing	June 30
6139	174 (Optometry)	doctor of optometry, optometrist, O.D.	Board of Optometry	June 30
6140	168 (Audiology)	audiometrist, audiologist, hearing therapist, hearing aid audiologist, educational audiologist, industrial audiologist, clinical audiologist	Board of Audiology	June 30
6141	170 (Medicine)	doctor of medicine, M.D., physician's assistant, P.A.	Board of Medicine, joint task force for health profession subfields	December 31
6142	164 (Chiropractic)	chiropractic, doctor of chiropractic, chiropractor, D.C., chiropractic physician	Board of Chiropractic	December 31
6143	182 (Psychology)	consulting psychologist, psychologist, psychological assistant, psychological examiner, licensed psychologist, limited licensed psychologist	Board of Psychology	December 31
6148	175 (Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery)	osteopath, osteopathy, osteopathic practitioner, doctor of osteopathy, diplomate in osteopathy, D.O, physician's assistant, P.A.	Board of Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery, joint task force for health profession subfields	December 31
6149 (H-1)	180 (Podiatric Medicine & Surgery)	chiropodist, chiropody, chiropodial, podiatry, podiatrist, podiatric, doctor of podiatric medicine, foot specialist, podiatric physician and surgeon, D.P.M.	Board of Podiatric Medicine & Surgery	June 30
6150	181 (Counseling)	licensed professional counselor, licensed counselor, professional counselor, L.P.C.	Board of Counseling	June 30
6205	177 (Pharmacy Practice & Drug Control)	pharmacy, pharmacist, apothecary, drugstore, druggist, medicine store, prescriptions, R.Ph.	Board of Pharmacy	June 30

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6207	169 (Marriage & Family Therapy)	marriage advisor, marriage consultant, family counselor, family advisor, family therapist, family consultant, family guidance counselor, family guidance advisor, family guidance consultant, marriage guidance counselor, marriage guidance advisor, marriage guidance consultant, family relations counselor, marriage relations counselor, marriage relations advisor, marriage relations consultant, marital counselor, marital therapist	Board of Marriage & Family Therapy	June 30
6208 (H-1)	178 (Physical Therapy)	Physical therapy, physical therapist, physiotherapist, registered physical therapist, licensed physical therapist, physical therapy technician, P.T., R.P.T., L.P.T., P.T.T.	Board of Physical Therapy	December 31

Additionally, House Bills 6141 and 6148 would add to Parts 170 and 175 a provision that, notwithstanding the regulations regarding the use of titles, a person who was specially trained at an institution of higher education in Michigan to assist a physician in the field of orthopedics and, upon completion of training, received a two-year associate of science degree as an orthopedic physician's assistant before January 1, 1977, could use the title "orthopedic physician's assistant" whether or not he or she were licensed under Part 170 or 175.

Several parts of the Code already contain provisions restricting the use of certain words, titles, and letters, and the bills would amend them to enact the expiration date of board members' terms in those parts. They are shown in [Table 2](#).

Table 2

<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Part</b>	<b>Restricted Words, Titles, &amp; Letters</b>	<b>Regulatory Body</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
6062	165 (Acupuncture)	acupuncturist, certified acupuncturist, registered acupuncturist	Board of Acupuncture	June 30
6064	187 (Respiratory Care)	respiratory therapist, respiratory care practitioner, licensed respiratory therapist, licensed respiratory care practitioner, R.T., R.C.P., L.R.T., L.R.C.P.	Board of Respiratory Care	December 31
6145	183 (Occupational Therapists)	occupational therapist, O.T., occupational therapist registered, O.T.R., certified occupational therapist, C.O.T., certified occupational therapy assistant, C.O.T.A., occupational therapy assistant	Board of Occupational Therapists	December 31
6146	185 (Social Work)	social service technician, S.S.T., licensed bachelor's social worker, L.B.S.W., licensed master's social worker, L.M.S.W.	Board of Social Work	December 31
6206	173 (Nursing Home Administration)	nursing home administrator	Board of Nursing Home Administrators	June 30
6208	179 (Athletic Training)	athletic trainer, licensed athletic trainer, certified athletic trainer, athletic trainer certified, A.T., A.T.L., C.A.T., A.C.T.	Athletic Trainer Board	June 30

MCL 333.16511 & 333.16521 (H.B. 6062)  
333.18811 & 333.18821 (H.B. 6063)  
333.18705 (H.B. 6064)  
333.18411 (H.B. 6086)  
333.17211 & 333.17221 (H.B. 6138)  
333.17411 & 333.17421 (H.B. 6139)  
333.16803 & 333.16805 (H.B. 6140)  
333.17011 et al. (H.B. 6141)  
333.16411 & 333.16421 (H.B. 6142)  
333.18211 & 333.18221 (H.B. 6143)  
333.18305 (H.B. 6145)  
333.18505 (H.B. 6146)  
333.7301a et al. (H.B. 6147)  
333.17511 et al. (H.B. 6148)  
333.18011 & 18021 (H.B. 6149)  
333.18103 et al. (H.B. 6150)  
333.17711 & 333.17721 (H.B. 6205)  
333.17305 (H.B. 6206)  
333.16903 et al. (H.B. 6207)  
333.17820 et al. (H.B. 6208)

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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