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ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 6253

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending sections 16174, 16181, 16186, 17011, and 17511 (MCL 333.16174, 333.16181, 333.16186, 333.17011, and 333.17511), section 16174 as amended by 2006 PA 26, section 16181 as amended by 2004 PA 200, section 16186 as amended by 2004 PA 3, and section 17011 as amended by 1993 PA 79.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 16174. (1) An individual who is licensed or registered under this article shall meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) Be 18 or more years of age.
 - (b) Be of good moral character.
 - (c) Have a specific education or experience in the health profession or in a health profession subfield or health profession specialty field of the health profession, or training equivalent, or both, as prescribed by this article or rules of a board necessary to promote safe and competent practice and informed consumer choice.
 - (d) Have a working knowledge of the English language as determined in accordance with minimum standards established for that purpose by the department.
 - (e) Pay the appropriate fees as prescribed in this article.
- (2) In addition to the requirements of subsection (1), an applicant for licensure, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty subfield license under this article shall meet all of the following requirements:
- (a) Establish that disciplinary proceedings before a similar licensure, registration, or specialty licensure or specialty certification board of this or any other state, of the United States military, of the federal government, or of another country are not pending against the applicant.

(b) Establish that if sanctions have been imposed against the applicant by a similar licensure, registration, or specialty licensure or specialty certification board of this or any other state, of the United States military, of the federal government, or of another country based upon grounds that are substantially similar to those set forth in this article or article 7 or the rules promulgated under this article or article 7, as determined by the board or task force to which the applicant applies, the sanctions are not in force at the time of application. This subdivision does not apply to an application for licensure that the board may grant under section 17011(4) or 17511(2).

(c) File with the board or task force a written, signed consent to the release of information regarding a disciplinary investigation involving the applicant conducted by a similar licensure, registration, or specialty licensure or specialty certification board of this or any other state, of the United States military, of the federal government, or of another country.

(3) Beginning May 1, 2006, an applicant for initial licensure or registration shall submit his or her fingerprints to the department of state police to have a criminal history check conducted and request that the department of state police forward his or her fingerprints to the federal bureau of investigation for a national criminal history check. The department of state police shall conduct a criminal history check and request the federal bureau of investigation to make a determination of the existence of any national criminal history pertaining to the applicant. The department of state police shall provide the department with a written report of the criminal history check if the criminal history check contains any criminal history record information. The department of state police shall forward the results of the federal bureau of investigation determination to the department within 30 days after the request is made. The department shall notify the board and the applicant in writing of the type of crime disclosed on the federal bureau of investigation determination without disclosing the details of the crime. The department of state police may charge a reasonable fee to cover the cost of conducting the criminal history check. The criminal history record information obtained under this subsection shall be used only for the purpose of evaluating an applicant's qualifications for licensure or registration for which he or she has applied. A member of the board shall not disclose the report or its contents to any person who is not directly involved in evaluating the applicant's qualifications for licensure or registration. Information obtained under this subsection is confidential, is not subject to disclosure under the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231 to 15.246, and shall not be disclosed to any person except for purposes of this section or for law enforcement purposes.

(4) Before granting a license, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license to an applicant, the board or task force to which the applicant applies may do 1 of the following:

(a) Make an independent inquiry into the applicant's compliance with the requirements described in subsection (2). If subsection (2)(b) applies to an application for licensure and a licensure or registration board or task force determines under subsection (2)(b) that sanctions have been imposed and are in force at the time of application, the board or task force shall not grant a license or registration or specialty certification or health profession specialty field license to the applicant.

(b) Require the applicant to secure from a national association or federation of state professional licensing boards certification of compliance with the requirements described in subsection (2). If an application is for licensure that the board may grant under section 17011(4) or 17511(2), the applicant is not required to secure the certification of compliance with respect to the requirements described in subsection (2)(b).

(5) If, after issuing a license, registration, specialty certification, or health profession specialty field license, a board or task force or the department determines that sanctions have been imposed against the licensee or registrant by a similar licensure or registration or specialty licensure or specialty certification board as described in subsection (2)(b), the disciplinary subcommittee may impose appropriate sanctions upon the licensee or registrant. The licensee or registrant may request a show cause hearing before a hearing examiner to demonstrate why the sanctions should not be imposed.

(6) An applicant for licensure, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license who is or has been licensed, registered, or certified in a health profession or specialty by another state or country shall disclose that fact on the application form.

Sec. 16181. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2), a board may grant a nonrenewable, temporary license to an applicant who has completed all requirements for licensure except for examination or other required evaluation procedure. A board shall not grant a temporary license to an individual who has previously failed the examination or other required evaluation procedure or whose license has been suspended or revoked. A temporary license issued pursuant to this section is valid for 18 months, but a board shall automatically void the temporary license if the applicant fails the examination or other required evaluation procedure.

(2) Until January 1, 2012, the Michigan board of nursing may grant a nonrenewable, temporary license to an applicant for a license under this article to engage in the practice of nursing as a registered professional nurse if the applicant is licensed as a registered professional nurse by an equivalent licensing board or authority in Canada. A temporary license issued under this subsection expires on the earliest of the following:

(a) One year after the date of issuance.

(b) The date the applicant is notified that he or she failed the commission on graduates of foreign nursing schools qualifying examination, as approved by the department.

(c) The date the applicant is notified that he or she failed the national council licensure examination, as approved by the department.

(d) The date the applicant is issued a license under this article to engage in the practice of nursing as a registered professional nurse.

(3) The holder of a temporary license issued under subsection (1) shall practice only under the supervision of a licensee who holds a license, other than a health profession subfield license, in the same health profession. The holder of a temporary license issued under subsection (1) shall not be supervised by a licensee who holds a limited license or temporary license.

(4) The department shall promptly issue a temporary license.

Sec. 16186. (1) An individual who is licensed to practice a health profession in another state or, until January 1, 2012, is licensed to practice a health profession in a province of Canada, who is registered in another state, or who holds a health profession specialty field license or specialty certification from another state and who applies for licensure, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license in this state may be granted an appropriate license or registration or specialty certification or health profession specialty field license upon satisfying the board or task force to which the applicant applies as to all of the following:

(a) The applicant substantially meets the requirements of this article and rules promulgated under this article for licensure, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license.

(b) Subject to subsection (3), the applicant is licensed, registered, specialty certified, or specialty licensed in another state or, until January 1, 2012, is licensed in a province in Canada that maintains standards substantially equivalent to those of this state.

(c) Subject to subsection (3), until January 1, 2012, if the applicant is licensed to practice a health profession in a province in Canada, the applicant completed the educational requirements in Canada or in the United States for licensure in Canada or in the United States.

(d) Until January 1, 2012, if the applicant is licensed to practice a health profession in a province in Canada, that the applicant will perform the professional services for which he or she bills in this state, and that any resulting request for third party reimbursement will originate from the applicant's place of employment in this state.

(2) Before granting a license, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license to the applicant, the board or task force to which the applicant applies may require the applicant to appear personally before it for an interview to evaluate the applicant's relevant qualifications.

(3) For purposes of 2002 PA 441, an applicant who is licensed in a province in Canada who meets the requirements of subsection (1)(c) and takes and passes a national examination in this country that is approved by the appropriate Michigan licensing board, or who takes and passes a Canadian national examination approved by the appropriate Michigan licensing board, is considered to have met the requirements of subsection (1)(b). This subsection does not apply if the department, in consultation with the appropriate licensing board, promulgates a rule disallowing the use of this subsection for an applicant licensed in a province in Canada.

(4) If the department receives an application for licensure under part 187 from an individual who is licensed as a respiratory therapist in the country of Canada, the department shall consult the international reciprocity agreement executed by the national board for respiratory care and the Canadian society of respiratory therapists in effect on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection.

Sec. 17011. (1) An individual shall not engage in the practice of medicine or practice as a physician's assistant unless licensed or otherwise authorized by this article. An individual shall not engage in teaching or research that requires the practice of medicine unless the individual is licensed or otherwise authorized by this article.

(2) Notwithstanding section 16145 or rules promulgated under that section, the board may grant a license to an individual who meets the requirements of section 16186 or 17031(2) after reviewing the applicant's record of practice, experience, and credentials and determining that the applicant is competent to practice medicine.

(3) For individuals applying for licensure under section 16186, the board shall not impose requirements on graduates of medical schools located outside the United States or Canada that exceed the requirements imposed on graduates of medical schools located in the United States or Canada.

(4) Notwithstanding section 16145 or rules promulgated under that section, the board may grant a license in accordance with section 16186 after determining that each of the following conditions is satisfied:

(a) The applicant has disclosed that a sanction is in force against him or her as described in section 16174(2)(b) and considering the reasons for the sanction and the applicant's record of practice, experience, credentials, and competence to engage in the practice of medicine, that sanction should not prevent the applicant from being granted a license in this state.

(b) The sanction imposed by the other state is not permanent.

(c) The sanction imposed by the other state was not the result of a patient safety violation.

(d) If the applicant was required by the state that imposed the sanction to participate in and complete a probationary period or treatment plan as a condition of the continuation of his or her licensure, the applicant did not complete the probationary period or treatment plan because the applicant ceased engaging in the practice of medicine in that state.

(e) As a condition of licensure under this subsection, the applicant voluntarily agrees to complete a probationary period or treatment plan, the terms of which are no less stringent than those imposed by the state that imposed the sanction.

(5) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the following words, titles, or letters or a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those individuals authorized under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed in this part: "doctor of medicine", "m.d.", "physician's assistant", and "p.a.". Notwithstanding section 16261, an individual who was specially trained at an institution of higher education in this state to assist a physician in the field of orthopedics and, upon completion of training, received a 2-year associate of science degree as an orthopedic physician's assistant before January 1, 1977 may use the title "orthopedic physician's assistant" whether or not the individual is licensed under this part.

Sec. 17511. (1) A person shall not engage in the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery or practice as a physician's assistant unless licensed or otherwise authorized by this article.

(2) Notwithstanding section 16145 or rules promulgated under that section, the board may grant a license in accordance with section 16186 after determining that each of the following conditions is satisfied:

(a) The applicant has disclosed that a sanction is in force against him or her as described in section 16174(2)(b) and considering the reasons for the sanction and the applicant's record of practice, experience, credentials, and competence to engage in the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery, that sanction should not prevent the applicant from being granted a license in this state.

(b) The sanction imposed by the other state is not permanent.

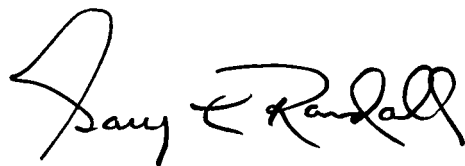
(c) The sanction imposed by the other state was not the result of a patient safety violation.

(d) If the applicant was required by the state that imposed the sanction to participate in and complete a probationary period or treatment plan as a condition of the continuation of his or her licensure, the applicant did not complete the probationary period or treatment plan because the applicant ceased engaging in the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery in that state.


(e) As a condition of licensure under this subsection, the applicant voluntarily agrees to complete a probationary period or treatment plan, the terms of which are no less stringent than those imposed by the state that imposed the sanction.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the following words, titles, or letters or a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those persons authorized under this part to use the terms and in a way prescribed in this part: "osteopath", "osteopathy", "osteopathic practitioner", "doctor of osteopathy", "diplomate in osteopathy", "d.o.", "physician's assistant", and "p.a.". Notwithstanding section 16261, a person who was specially trained at an institution of higher education in this state to assist a physician in the field of orthopedics and, upon completion of training, received a 2-year associate of science degree as an orthopedic physician's assistant before January 1, 1977 may use the title "orthopedic physician's assistant" whether or not the individual is licensed under this part.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved

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Governor