

Legislative Analysis



REPEAL OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE ADVISORY BOARD

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House Bill 5604

Sponsor: Rep. Al Pscholka

Committee: Regulatory Reform

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A REVISED SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5604 AS INTRODUCED 5-9-12

The bill would amend Public Act 162 of 1969 to eliminate the Michigan Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is charged in statute with advising the Michigan State University (MSU) Board of Control on all matters pertinent to the school of osteopathic medicine.

The Advisory Board, which this bill would eliminate, is not the same as the Michigan Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery. The Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery functions as the professional licensing board for Doctors of Osteopathy (D.O.) in the state and would not be impacted by any provisions of this bill.

Specifically, the bill would repeal Sections 2, 3, and 4 of the act (MCL 390.662 - 390.664), which establishes the Advisory Board and provides for its membership; provides for the election of officers and the board's powers and duties; and allows the board to adopt rules and bylaws for conducting business, and further provides for the conducting of board business. Public Act 162 is the act that allowed for the creation of the Osteopathic School of Medicine.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Office of Regulatory Reinvention's recommendations regarding Occupational Licensing, issued on February 17, 2012, recommended the elimination of the Osteopathic Medicine Advisory Board because "it has not served a useful purpose in fulfilling its legislative mission to 'recommend tuition and other fees' and 'recommend the appointment or removal of such personnel as the interests of the school and the generally accepted principles of academic tenure permit or require'." According to the recommendation, the board was functional in the developmental years of the School of Osteopathic Medicine but no longer serves a "useful purpose."

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on state government.

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