

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS26475

This bill updates and modernizes provisions of the Medical Practice Act related to licensure, registration, discipline, disabled physicians or physician assistants, and member composition of the Board of Medicine and Physician Assistant Advisory Committee. For licensure, this bill removes barriers to practice by simplifying the requirements for expedited licensure by endorsement and removing the requirement that medical students be registered with the Board. This bill updates the discipline section to require more timely notification to the Board of felony criminal charges against a licensee and adds a disruptive provider clause, both of which the Board believes are necessary to protect the public adequately. This bill updates and simplifies the Disabled Physician Act by adding physician assistants and streamlining the Board's evaluation process, which will benefit licensees with serious mental and physical illnesses who may otherwise face disciplinary action by the Board. This bill also adds a physician assistant member to the Board, changes the Board's quorum requirement to 6 members, and adds a physician assistant and a public member to the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee, changing the Committee's quorum requirement to 3 members. Finally, the bill provides housekeeping updates to remove obsolete language, delete duplicative language, streamline the language throughout, and modernize the requirements of the Act.

FISCAL NOTE

The Board of Medicine is a dedicated fund agency, and therefore, there will be no impact on the state General Fund. It is estimated that the legislation will result in a yearly impact of \$17,000 to the Board's personnel budget attributable to increasing board and committee members (Board—addition of one member and Physician Assistant Advisory Committee—addition of 2 members) and board and committee member honoraria increase (from \$50 daily to \$100 daily). Additionally, there will be an annual decrease to the Board's operating budget in the amount of \$1,500, due to removing the medical student registration fee requirement.

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