
DIGEST

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HB 138 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for the membership, qualifications, powers, and duties of the La. State Bd. of Medical Examiners (LSBME).

Present law provides that LSBME shall have 10 voting members who are all appointed by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation.

Proposed law repeals the membership of LSBME and adds the following members:

- (1) One member who is a physician from each of the nine administrative regions of the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).
- (2) One member who is a non-physician healthcare professional whose profession is regulated by the board.

Present law provides grounds for removal from the LSBME.

Proposed law repeals present law and provides that all members shall serve at the pleasure of the governor under the auspices of LDH.

Present law provides for mandatory and discretionary powers and duties of the LSBME.

Proposed law directs the executive director of LSBME to hire a director of investigation.

Proposed law provides that the director of investigations shall provide recommendations on disciplinary action.

Present law provides for the qualifications of the consumer member of the board.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Present law provides grounds for removal from the board.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law provides that the first non-physician healthcare professional shall be a physician assistant appointed by the governor for a term of four years.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:1263(B) and (C)(1)(a) and 1270(A)(9); Adds R.S. 37:1263(D)(4); Repeals R.S. 37:1263(C)(2) and (E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Provide for the membership, qualification, and appointments of the La. St. Bd. Of Medical Examiners.
2. Provide for the duties of the board.
3. Repeal provisions of present law that provide for the procedures for removal of members of the board.