
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides requirements for and restrictions relative to investigations of physicians by the La. State Board of Medical Examiners.

Present law provides that any staff member of the La. State Board of Medical Examiners, except the executive director, may be appointed to act as the lead investigator for any complaint regarding a physician received by the board or any investigation regarding a physician initiated by the board upon its own motion.

Proposed law retains the prohibition in present law on the executive director acting as lead investigator, and revises present law to require that the lead investigator be an attorney licensed to practice in La.

Proposed law stipulates that no physician shall be subject to an investigation by the board unless a complaint concerning the physician is received from a person other than an employee of the board or the board has adopted a motion which makes a finding that probable cause exists to conclude that a violation of any provision of present law, or any rule of the board promulgated pursuant to present law, has occurred.

(Amends R.S. 37:1285.2(A))