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Introduced by Rep. Birkholz

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 6333

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 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 16105, 16106, 16108, 16128, 16163, 16174, 16186, 16226, 16261, 16323, 16608, and 17031 (MCL 333.16105, 333.16106, 333.16108, 333.16128, 333.16163, 333.16174, 333.16186, 333.16226, 333.16261, 333.16323, 333.16608, and 333.17031), section 16106 as amended by 1997 PA 153, section 16108 as amended and section 16323 as added by 1993 PA 80, section 16174 as amended by 1998 PA 227, section 16186 as amended by 2002 PA 441, section 16226 as amended by 2000 PA 29, section 16608 as amended by 1990 PA 216, and section 17031 as amended by 1990 PA 248.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 16105. (1) "Health occupation" means a health related vocation, calling, occupation, or employment performed by an individual whether or not the individual is licensed or registered under this article.

(2) "Health profession" means a vocation, calling, occupation, or employment performed by an individual acting pursuant to a license or registration issued under this article.

(3) "Health profession specialty field" means an area of practice established under this article that is within the scope of activities, functions, and duties of a licensed health profession and that requires advanced education and training beyond that required for initial licensure.

(4) "Health profession specialty field license" means an authorization to use a title issued to a licensee who has met qualifications established by the Michigan board of dentistry for registration in a health profession specialty field. An individual who holds a dental specialty certification on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection is considered to hold a health profession specialty field license in that speciality and may obtain renewal of

the health profession specialty field license in that speciality on the expiration date of the specialty certification. The health profession specialty field license is not a license as that term is defined in section 16106(2).

(5) "Health profession subfield" means an area of practice established under this article which is within the scope of the activities, functions, and duties of a licensed health profession, and requires less comprehensive knowledge and skill than is required to practice the full scope of the health profession.

Sec. 16106. (1) "Incompetence" means a departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice for a health profession, whether or not actual injury to an individual occurs.

(2) "License", except as otherwise provided in this subsection, means an authorization issued under this article to practice where practice would otherwise be unlawful. License includes an authorization to use a designated title which use would otherwise be prohibited under this article and may be used to refer to a health profession subfield license, limited license, or a temporary license. For purposes of the definition of "prescriber" contained in section 17708(2) only, license includes an authorization issued under the laws of another state, or the country of Canada to practice in that state or in the country of Canada, where practice would otherwise be unlawful, and is limited to a licensed doctor of medicine, a licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery, or another licensed health professional acting under the delegation and using, recording, or otherwise indicating the name of the delegating licensed doctor of medicine or licensed doctor of osteopathic medicine and surgery. License does not include a health profession specialty field license.

(3) "Licensee", as used in a part that regulates a specific health profession, means an individual to whom a license is issued under that part, and as used in this part means each licensee regulated by this article.

(4) "Limitation" means an action by which a board imposes restrictions or conditions, or both, on a license.

(5) "Limited license" means a license to which restrictions or conditions, or both, as to scope of practice, place of practice, supervision of practice, duration of licensed status, or type or condition of patient or client served are imposed by a board.

Sec. 16108. (1) "Reclassification" means an action by a disciplinary subcommittee by which restrictions or conditions, or both, applicable to a license are added or removed.

(2) "Registration" means an authorization only for the use of a designated title which use would otherwise be prohibited under this article. Registration includes specialty certification of a licensee and a health profession specialty field license.

(3) "Registrant" as used in a part that regulates the use of a title means an individual to whom a registration, a specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license is issued under that part, and as used in this part means each registrant regulated by this article.

(4) "Reinstatement" means the granting of a license or certificate of registration, with or without limitations or conditions, to an individual whose license or certificate of registration has been suspended or revoked.

(5) "Relicensure" means the granting of a license to an individual whose license has lapsed for failure to renew the license within 60 days after the expiration date.

(6) "Reregistration" means the granting of a certificate of registration to an individual whose certificate of registration has lapsed for failure to renew the certificate within 60 days after the expiration date.

Sec. 16128. (1) A health profession subfield task force shall be composed of a majority of members licensed in the subfields of the health profession that are created by this article and shall include at least 1 licensed member from each of the subfields of the health profession that is created by this article. A health profession subfield task force shall include at least 1 public member and 1 member of that profession who holds a license other than a subfield license in that health profession.

(2) A health profession specialty field task force shall be composed of a majority of members registered in the specialty fields of the health profession that are created by this article. A health profession specialty field task force shall include at least 1 public member and 1 member of that health profession who is a member of the board.

Sec. 16163. A task force shall recommend to the board as to:

(a) Determination of standards of education, training, and experience required for practice in a health profession subfield or for registration in a health profession specialty field, and where appropriate, guidelines for approval of educational programs for the health profession subfield or health profession specialty field.

(b) Qualifications required of applicants for licensure in health profession subfields or for registration in health profession specialty fields.

(c) Evaluation of qualifications for initial and continuing licensure of practitioners in health profession subfields or health profession specialty fields. The evaluation may cover assessment of educational credentials, work experience and related training, and administration of tests and examinations.

(d) Guidelines for utilization of, and standards of practice for, licensees in health profession subfields or registrants in health profession specialty fields.

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.

(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) 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 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).

(4) 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.

(5) 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. 16186. (1) An individual who is licensed to practice a health profession in another state or, until January 1, 2004, 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 speciality licensed in another state or, until January 1, 2004, 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, 2004, 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, 2004, 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 the 2002 amendatory act that added this subsection, 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.

Sec. 16226. (1) After finding the existence of 1 or more of the grounds for disciplinary subcommittee action listed in section 16221, a disciplinary subcommittee shall impose 1 or more of the following sanctions for each violation:

Violations of Section 16221

Sanctions

Subdivision (a), (b)(ii), (b)(iv), (b)(vi), or(b)(vii)	Probation, limitation, denial, suspension, revocation, restitution, community service, or fine.
Subdivision (b)(viii)	Revocation or denial.
Subdivision (b)(i), (b)(iii), (b)(v), (b)(ix), (b)(x), or (b)(xi)	Limitation, suspension, revocation, denial, probation, restitution, community service, or fine.
Subdivision (c)(i)	Denial, revocation, suspension, probation, limitation, community service, or fine.
Subdivision (c)(ii)	Denial, suspension, revocation, restitution, community service, or fine.
Subdivision (c)(iii)	Probation, denial, suspension, revocation, restitution, community service, or fine.
Subdivision (c)(iv) or (d)(iii)	Fine, probation, denial, suspension, revocation, community service, or restitution.
Subdivision (d)(i) or (d)(ii)	Reprimand, fine, probation, community service, denial, or restitution.
Subdivision (e)(i)	Reprimand, fine, probation, limitation, suspension, community service, denial, or restitution.
Subdivision (e)(ii) or (i)	Reprimand, probation, suspension, restitution, community service, denial, or fine.
Subdivision (e)(iii), (e)(iv), or (e)(v)	Reprimand, fine, probation, suspension, revocation, limitation, community service, denial, or restitution.
Subdivision (g)	Reprimand or fine.
Subdivision (h)	Reprimand, probation, denial, suspension, revocation, limitation, restitution, community service, or fine.
Subdivision (j)	Suspension or fine.
Subdivision (k), (p), or (r)	Reprimand or fine.
Subdivision (l)	Reprimand, denial, or limitation.
Subdivision (m) or (o)	Denial, revocation, restitution, probation, suspension, limitation, reprimand, or fine.
Subdivision (n)	Revocation or denial.
Subdivision (q)	Revocation.

(2) Determination of sanctions for violations under this section shall be made by a disciplinary subcommittee. If, during judicial review, the court of appeals determines that a final decision or order of a disciplinary subcommittee prejudices substantial rights of the petitioner for 1 or more of the grounds listed in section 106 of the administrative

procedures act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.306, and holds that the final decision or order is unlawful and is to be set aside, the court shall state on the record the reasons for the holding and may remand the case to the disciplinary subcommittee for further consideration.

(3) A disciplinary subcommittee may impose a fine of up to, but not exceeding, \$250,000.00 for a violation of section 16221(a) or (b).

(4) A disciplinary subcommittee may require a licensee or registrant or an applicant for licensure or registration who has violated this article or article 7 or a rule promulgated under this article or article 7 to satisfactorily complete an educational program, a training program, or a treatment program, a mental, physical, or professional competence examination, or a combination of those programs and examinations.

Sec. 16261. (1) An individual who is not licensed or registered under this article shall not use an insignia, title, or letter, or a word, letter, or phrase singly or in combination, with or without qualifying words, letters, or phrases, under a circumstance to induce the belief that the individual is licensed or registered in this state, is lawfully entitled in this state to engage in the practice of a profession regulated by this article, or is otherwise in compliance with this article.

(2) An individual shall not announce or hold himself or herself out to the public as limiting his or her practice to, as being specially qualified in, or as giving particular attention to a health profession specialty field for which a board issues a specialty certification or a health profession specialty field license, without first having obtained the specialty certification or health profession specialty field license.

Sec. 16323. Fees for an individual licensed or seeking licensure to practice as a dentist, dental assistant, or dental hygienist under part 166 are as follows:

(a) Application processing fees:	
(i) Dentist	\$ 20.00
(ii) Dental assistant	10.00
(iii) Dental hygienist	15.00
(iv) Health profession specialty field license for a dentist	20.00
(b) Examination fees:	
(i) Dental assistant's examination, complete.....	70.00
(ii) Dental assistant's examination, per part.....	35.00
(iii) Dentist's health profession specialty field license examination, complete.....	300.00
(iv) Dentist's health profession specialty field license examination, per part	100.00
(c) License fees, per year:	
(i) Dentist	90.00
(ii) Dental assistant	10.00
(iii) Dental hygienist	20.00
(iv) Dentist's health profession specialty field license.....	15.00
(d) Temporary license fees:	
(i) Dentist	20.00
(ii) Dental assistant	5.00
(iii) Dental hygienist	10.00
(e) Limited license fee, per year:	
(i) Dentist	25.00
(ii) Dental assistant	5.00
(iii) Dental hygienist	10.00
(f) Examination review fees:	
(i) Dental preclinical or dentist's health profession specialty field license.....	50.00
(ii) Dental assistant	20.00

Sec. 16608. (1) The board may issue a health profession specialty field license to a licensed dentist who has advanced training beyond that required for initial licensure and who has demonstrated competency through examination or other evaluative processes in 1 or more of the following health profession specialty fields: prosthodontics, endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, or oral pathology. A licensed dentist who holds a health profession specialty certification in 1 or more of the health profession specialty fields listed in this subsection

on the effective date of the amendatory act that added subsections (3) and (4) is considered to hold a health profession specialty field license in each of those health profession specialty fields and may obtain renewal of each health profession specialty field license on the expiration date of the specialty certification.

(2) A health profession specialty field license issued pursuant to subsection (1) shall be renewed concurrently with the license to practice dentistry.

(3) This section does not prohibit a licensed dentist who has not been issued a health profession specialty field license under subsection (1) from performing services in 1 or more of the health profession specialty fields listed in subsection (1).

(4) For purposes of the administration of the general rules of the board of dentistry in the Michigan administrative code, a reference to specialty certification is a reference to a health profession specialty field license.

Sec. 17031. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), an applicant, in addition to completing the requirements for the degree in medicine, shall complete a period of postgraduate education to attain proficiency in the practice of the profession, as prescribed by the board in rules, as a condition for more than limited licensure.

(2) The board may grant a full license to practice medicine to an applicant who has completed the requirements for a degree in medicine at a medical school located outside the United States or Canada if the applicant demonstrates to the board all of the following:

(a) That the applicant has engaged in the practice of medicine for not less than 10 years after completing the requirements for a degree in medicine.

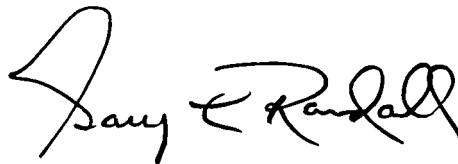
(b) That the applicant has completed not less than 3 years of postgraduate clinical training in an institution that has an affiliation with a medical school that is listed in a directory of medical schools published by the world health organization as approved by the board.

(c) That the applicant has achieved a score determined by the board to be a passing score on an initial medical licensure examination approved by the board.

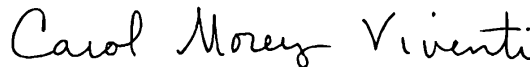
(d) That the applicant has safely and competently practiced medicine under a clinical academic limited license granted by the board under this article for 1 or more academic institutions located in this state for not less than the 2 years immediately preceding the date of application for a license under this subsection, during which time the applicant functioned not less than 800 hours per year in the observation and treatment of patients.

(3) An applicant under subsection (2) shall file with the board a written statement from each academic institution upon which the applicant relies to satisfy subsection (2)(d). The statement shall indicate, at a minimum, that the applicant functioned for the academic institution in the observation and treatment of patients not less than 800 hours per year and that in so doing the applicant practiced medicine safely and competently. A person who in good faith makes a written statement that is filed under this subsection is not civilly or criminally liable for that statement. There is a rebuttable presumption that a person who makes a written statement that is filed under this subsection has done so in good faith.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives.



Secretary of the Senate.

Approved

Governor.