

Legislative Analysis



LEGAL NAME ON HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSE OR REGISTRATION APPLICATION

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House Bill 4930 (H-2) as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Mike Mueller
Committee: Rules
Complete to 10-31-25

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4930 would amend Article 15 (Occupations) of the Public Health Code to require an application for health professional licensure or registration under the article to include the applicant's full legal name.

In addition, the bill would amend two provisions to remove certain duties of health professional boards or task forces and instead include requirements provided by rules issued by the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA).

First, the code now requires that if the facts set forth in an application meet the requirements for licensure or registration of the applicable health profession board or task force and of Article 15, the board or task force must grant a license or registration to the applicant. Under the bill, if the facts set forth in an application meet the requirements for licensure or registration of Article 15 and the applicable rules, the applicant would have to be granted a license or registration.

Second, the code now allows a board or task force to require an applicant to take an examination for licensure or registration that includes subjects the board or task force determines essential to the applicable health profession. The bill would instead allow an examination to be prescribed by rule and to include subjects determined essential to the profession as prescribed by rule.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

MCL 333.16177

BRIEF DISCUSSION:

According to a 2025 LARA report on regulatory reform in Michigan,¹ licensees and applicants for licensure under the Occupational Code and the Public Health Code are now allowed to use a nickname instead of their full legal name, which can sometimes make it difficult to hold bad actors accountable for their actions. The LARA report recommended requiring applicants and licensees to provide their legal names. The bill would make this change with regard to health professionals. Supporters argue that this change would add clarity to the process, make it easier for consumers to evaluate health professionals, and improve safeguards for public safety.

¹ https://www.michigan.gov/lara/-/media/Project/Websites/lara/about/LARA_CuttingRedTapeReport-1.pdf

BACKGROUND:

Health fields with professions licensed or registered under Article 15 include acupuncture, athletic training, applied behavior analysis, audiology, chiropractic, counseling, dentistry, dietetics and nutrition, marriage and family therapy, massage therapy, medicine, midwifery, nursing, nursing home administration, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatry, psychology, respiratory therapy, sanitary sciences, social work, speech-language pathology, and veterinary medicine.

FISCAL IMPACT:

House Bill 4930 would have no fiscal impact on any units of state or local government.

POSITIONS:

The following entities indicated support for the bill (10-30-25):

- Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
- Mackinac Center for Public Policy

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