

CHAPTER 55

PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS

HOUSE BILL 00-1038

BY REPRESENTATIVES Morrison, Alexander, Hagedorn, Kaufman, Mace, Plant, Ragsdale, Takis, Tate, Tochtrop, and S. Williams;
also SENATORS Epps, Hernandez, Linkart, Reeves, and Rupert.

AN ACT

CONCERNING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PUBLIC MEMBERS ON THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that public participation in regulatory boards helps to increase public awareness of issues and gives more understanding to the policies of such boards. Boards with public participation may create policies that are more representative of the goals of the public. Further, public participation tends to enhance the dialogue between the regulated profession and the public. Therefore, the general assembly declares that it is in the best interests of the state of Colorado and its residents to increase the number of public members on the state board of medical examiners.

SECTION 2. 12-36-103 (1) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

12-36-103. State board of medical examiners - immunity - subject to termination - repeal of article. (1) (a) There is hereby created the Colorado state board of medical examiners, referred to in this article as the "board", which shall consist of nine physician members and ~~two~~ FOUR members from the public at large, WHO HAVE NO FINANCIAL OR PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, to be appointed by the governor and to have the qualifications provided in this article. ~~On or after July 1, 1951, the state board of medical examiners as constituted under the law of this state immediately prior thereto is hereby abolished, but the members thereof shall constitute the initial board under this article, and the respective terms of such members shall extend through and expire on May 3 of the year in which their respective terms, as determined by their appointments under such~~

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~~prior law, would have expired. In 1953 and in each second year thereafter and until June 15, 1987, the governor shall appoint three physician members for terms beginning May 4 of said year and expiring May 3 of the sixth year thereafter. Members who are holding office on June 15, 1987, are subject to the provisions of section 24-1-137, C.R.S. Thereafter, The terms of the members of the board shall be four years. One member of the public at large shall be appointed for a term ending May 3, 1979, and the other for a term ending May 3, 1981; thereafter, public member appointments made prior to June 15, 1987, shall be for six-year terms. FOR THE TWO PUBLIC MEMBER APPOINTEES ADDED TO THE BOARD DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2000, THE TERM FOR ONE PUBLIC MEMBER APPOINTEE SHALL EXPIRE MAY 3, 2002, AND THE OTHER SHALL EXPIRE MAY 3, 2003. Thereafter, the terms of the members of the board shall be four years.~~

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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