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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 503, L.D. 697, Bill, "An Act to Provide an Opportunity for Complainants to be Heard before the Board of Registration in Medicine"

Amend the bill in subsection 1 in the 3rd paragraph in the 6th line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by inserting after the 2nd sentence a new sentence to read: 'The complainant may attend and may be accompanied by legal counsel and one other person.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the 3rd paragraph in the 8th line (page 1, line 28 in L.D.) by inserting after the 3rd sentence a new sentence to read: 'Before the board decides what action to take at the conference or as a result of the conference, the board shall give the complainant a reasonable opportunity to speak.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in the 3rd paragraph in the 9th line (page 1, line 29 in L.D.) by inserting a new sentence at the end to read: 'The complainant, the licensee or either of their representatives shall maintain the confidentiality of the conference.'

Further amend the bill in section 1 by striking out all of the 4th paragraph (page 1, lines 31 to 35 in L.D.)

STATEMENT OF FACT

Under current law, the Board of Registration in Medicine may request an informal conference with a licensee against whom a complaint has been brought. The original bill requires that the board hold a similar conference with the complainant before action is taken on any complaint.

This amendment requires only that the complainant be given an opportunity to speak at any informal licensee conference that the board may call.

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