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S.P. 498

In Senate, February 23, 1999

An Act to Promote Parity on the Board of Licensure in Medicine and on the Board of Osteopathic Licensure.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator RAND of Cumberland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2561, as amended by PL 1997, c. 50, §1, is further amended to read:

§2561. Membership; qualifications; tenure; vacancies

The Board of Osteopathic Licensure, as established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 29, and in this chapter called the "board," consists of -9-8 members appointed by the Governor. These members must be residents of this State. Sim Four of these members must be graduates of a school or college of osteopathic medicine approved by the American Osteopathic Association and must be, at the time of appointment, actively engaged in the practice of the profession of osteopathic medicine in the State for a period of at least 5 years, and-3-4 of these members must be public members. Consumer groups may submit nominations to the Governor for the members to be appointed to represent the interest of consumers. A full term of appointment is for 5 years. Appointment of members must comply with section 60. A member of the board may be removed from office for cause by the

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §3263, first ¶, as amended by PL 1997, c. 680, Pt. C, §1, is further amended to read:

The Board of Licensure in Medicine, as established by Title 5, section 12004-A, subsection 24, and in this chapter called the "board," consists of 9-8 individuals who are residents of this State, appointed by the Governor. Three Four individuals must be representatives of the public. Six Four individuals must be graduates of a legally chartered medical college or university having authority to confer degrees in medicine and must have been actively engaged in the practice of their profession in this State for a continuous period of 5 years preceding their appointments to the board. A full-term appointment is for 6 years. Appointment of members must comply with section 60. A member of the board may be removed from office for cause by the Governor.

Sec. 3. Transition. A member of the Board of Osteopathic Licensure or the Board of Licensure in Medicine on December 31, 1998 continues to serve until the expiration of that member's current term, unless sooner removed from office. The first member of each board whose membership expires after the effective date of this Act and who is not a member of the public may not be reappointed or replaced. The 2nd member of each board whose membership expires after the effective date of this Act and who is not a member of the public must be replaced by a member of the public.

Governor.

SUMMARY

This bill provides for an equal number of representatives of the public and physicians on the Board of Osteopathic Licensure and the Board of Licensure in Medicine.