

147.1 Definitions.

For the purpose of this and the following chapters of this subtitle:

1. *"Board"* means one of the boards enumerated in section 147.13 or any other board established in this subtitle whose members are appointed by the governor to license applicants and impose licensee discipline as authorized by law.
2. *"Department"* means the department of public health.
3. *"Licensed"* or *"certified"*, when applied to a physician and surgeon, podiatric physician, osteopathic physician and surgeon, physician assistant, psychologist, chiropractor, nurse, dentist, dental hygienist, dental assistant, optometrist, speech pathologist, audiologist, pharmacist, physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, respiratory care practitioner, practitioner of cosmetology arts and sciences, practitioner of barbering, funeral director, dietitian, marital and family therapist, mental health counselor, social worker, massage therapist, athletic trainer, acupuncturist, nursing home administrator, hearing aid dispenser, or sign language interpreter or transliterator means a person licensed under this subtitle.
4. *"Peer review"* means evaluation of professional services rendered by a person licensed to practice a profession.
5. *"Peer review committee"* means one or more persons acting in a peer review capacity who also serve as an officer, director, trustee, agent, or member of any of the following:
 - a. A state or local professional society of a profession for which there is peer review.
 - b. Any organization approved to conduct peer review by a society as designated in paragraph "a" of this subsection.
 - c. The medical staff of any licensed hospital.
 - d. A board enumerated in section 147.13 or any other board established in this subtitle which is appointed by the governor to license applicants and impose licensee discipline as authorized by law.
 - e. The board of trustees of a licensed hospital when performing a function relating to the reporting required by section 147.135, subsection 3.
 - f. A health care entity, including but not limited to a group medical practice, that provides health care services and follows a formal peer review process for the purpose of furthering quality health care.
6. *"Profession"* means medicine and surgery, podiatry, osteopathic medicine and surgery, practice as a physician assistant, psychology, chiropractic, nursing, dentistry, dental hygiene, dental assisting, optometry, speech pathology, audiology, pharmacy, physical therapy, physical therapist assisting, occupational therapy, occupational therapy assisting, respiratory care, cosmetology arts and sciences, barbering, mortuary science, marital and family therapy, mental health counseling, social work, dietetics, massage therapy, athletic training, acupuncture, nursing home administration, hearing aid dispensing, or sign language interpreting or transliterating.

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84 Acts, ch 1075, § 6; 85 Acts, ch 168, § 1; 86 Acts, ch 1211, § 13; 87 Acts, ch 91, § 6; 88 Acts, ch 1225, § 2; 89 Acts, ch 89, § 4, 5; 91 Acts, ch 229, § 1; 92 Acts, ch 1205, § 13; 94 Acts, ch 1132, §10; 95 Acts, ch 41,

§8; 95 Acts, ch 108, §3; 96 Acts, ch 1036, § 3, 4; 96 Acts, ch 1109, § 1; 96 Acts, ch 1219, §20; 98 Acts, ch 1053, §2, 3; 2000 Acts, ch 1053, §1; 2000 Acts, ch 1148, §1; 2004 Acts, ch 1175, §419, 420, 433; 2007 Acts, ch 10, §26, 27; 2008 Acts, ch 1088, §1