

148.6 Licensee discipline — criminal penalty.

1. The board, after due notice and hearing in accordance with [chapter 17A](#), may issue an order to discipline a licensee for any of the grounds set forth in [section 147.55](#), [chapter 272C](#), or [this subsection](#). Notwithstanding [section 272C.3](#), licensee discipline may include a civil penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

2. Pursuant to [this section](#), the board may discipline a licensee who is guilty of any of the following acts or offenses:

a. Knowingly making misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representation in the practice of the physician's profession.

b. Violating a statute or law of this state, another state, or the United States, without regard to its designation as either felony or misdemeanor, which statute or law relates to the practice of medicine.

c. Having the license to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery revoked or suspended, or having other disciplinary action taken by a licensing authority of another state, territory, or country. A certified copy of the record or order of suspension, revocation, or disciplinary action is prima facie evidence.

d. Knowingly aiding, assisting, procuring, or advising a person to unlawfully practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery.

e. Being adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction. Such adjudication shall automatically suspend a license for the duration of the license unless the board orders otherwise.

f. Being guilty of a willful or repeated departure from, or the failure to conform to, the minimal standard of acceptable and prevailing practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery in which proceeding actual injury to a patient need not be established; or the committing by a physician of an act contrary to honesty, justice, or good morals, whether the same is committed in the course of the physician's practice or otherwise, and whether committed within or without this state.

g. Inability to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or other type of material or as a result of a mental or physical condition.

(1) The board may, upon probable cause, compel a physician to submit to a mental or physical examination by designated physicians or to submit to alcohol or drug screening within a time specified by the board.

(2) A person licensed to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery who makes application for the renewal of a license, as required by [section 147.10](#), gives consent to submit to a mental or physical examination as provided by this paragraph "g" when directed in writing by the board. All objections shall be waived as to the admissibility of an examining physicians' testimony or examination reports on the grounds that they constitute privileged communication. The medical testimony or examination reports shall not be used against a physician in another proceeding and shall be confidential, except for other actions filed against a physician to revoke or suspend a license.

h. Willful or repeated violation of lawful rule or regulation adopted by the board or violating a lawful order of the board, previously entered by the board in a disciplinary or licensure hearing, or violating the terms and provisions of a consent agreement or informal settlement between a licensee and the board.

3. A person violating the provisions of [section 147.2](#), [147.84](#), or [147.85](#), shall upon conviction be guilty of a class "D" felony.

[C58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, §148.6]

[90 Acts, ch 1086, §12 – 14](#); [92 Acts, ch 1183, §15](#); [2007 Acts, ch 10, §91](#); [2008 Acts, ch 1088, §50](#); [2009 Acts, ch 133, §54](#); [2020 Acts, ch 1103, §14, 31](#)

Referred to in [§146A.1](#), [148.7](#), [148H.7](#), [272C.3](#), [272C.4](#), [272C.5](#)

Service of notice, [R.C.P. 1.305](#) and [1.306](#)

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Subsection 2, paragraph b stricken and former paragraphs c – i redesignated as b – h