

Senate Study Bill 245

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1 1 Section 1. SCOPE OF PRACTICE REVIEW COMMITTEES. Based
1 2 upon the recommendation of the health professions subcommittee
1 3 of the health regulation task force, the director of the Iowa
1 4 department of public health shall implement the subcommittee's
1 5 recommendations regarding the creation of scope of practice
1 6 review committees to evaluate and make recommendations to the
1 7 general assembly and professional licensing boards regarding
1 8 the following:

1 9 1. Requests from practitioners seeking to become newly
1 10 licensed professions or to establish their own regulatory
1 11 boards.

1 12 2. Requests from health professionals seeking to expand or
1 13 narrow the scope of practice of a profession.

1 14 3. Unresolved administrative rulemaking disputes between
1 15 health professions boards.

1 16 The objective of a scope of practice review committee shall
1 17 be to evaluate proposed changes based on objective, technical
1 18 criteria which assess whether health professionals have the
1 19 requisite knowledge, training, experience, and skills to
1 20 provide the proposed care. The creation of scope of practice
1 21 review committees may be requested by submitting an
1 22 application to the director of public health when attempts to
1 23 resolve scope of practice and administrative rule disputes
1 24 have been unsuccessful. An application shall detail the
1 25 reason for a proposed change and establish that the applicant
1 26 has met criteria for licensing a new profession, forming a new
1 27 board, or changing the scope of practice of a profession.

1 28 Scope of practice review committee members shall be appointed
1 29 by the director, with the assistance of the state board of
1 30 health. Each committee shall be limited to five members and
1 31 be composed of one member representing the profession seeking
1 32 licensure, a new board, or a change in scope of practice; one
1 33 member of the health profession directly impacted by, or
1 34 opposed to, the proposed changes; a health professional who is
1 35 neither directly nor indirectly affected by the proposed
2 1 changes; and two members who shall represent the general
2 2 public.

2 3 The director shall implement the specific recommendations
2 4 of the health professions subcommittee concerning scope of
2 5 practice review committee formation, administration, duration,
2 6 and funding, by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 17A.

2 7 This section authorizing scope of practice review committee
2 8 formation is repealed effective July 1, 2000, at which point
2 9 an evaluation of scope of practice review committee operation,
2 10 and suggested changes, shall be undertaken by the department
2 11 of public health. A report of recommendations of that
2 12 evaluation shall be made to the general assembly within one
2 13 year from commencement of the evaluation.

2 14 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 216A.7 REPEAL.

2 15 This chapter is repealed July 1, 2002.

2 16 Sec. 3. Section [216A.5](#), Code 1997, is repealed.

2 17 Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. Section 3 of this Act, being
2 18 deemed of immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

2 19 EXPLANATION

2 20 This bill provides for the implementation by the director
2 21 of the Iowa department of public health of the recommendations

2 22 of the health professions subcommittee of the health
2 23 regulation task force regarding scope of practice review
2 24 committees. Scope of practice review committees would be
2 25 created to evaluate and make recommendations to the general
2 26 assembly and professional licensing boards regarding requests
2 27 to become newly licensed professions or to establish
2 28 regulatory boards, to expand or narrow the scope of practice
2 29 of a profession, or to resolve administrative rulemaking
2 30 disputes between health professions boards. Application
2 31 procedures to establish a scope of practice review committee
2 32 are provided, as are membership criteria. Members shall be
2 33 appointed by the director of the department. This
2 34 authorization is repealed effective July 1, 2000, at which
2 35 point an evaluation shall be made of scope of practice review
3 1 committee operation. A report of the evaluation shall be
3 2 submitted to the general assembly within one year from
3 3 commencement of the evaluation.
3 4 The bill also provides for the repeal of the sunset
3 5 provision which would repeal the department of human rights,
3 6 effective July 1, 1997. The bill provides a new sunset
3 7 provision, effective July 1, 2002. The bill provides an
3 8 immediate effective date with regard to the repeal of the
3 9 department of human rights sunset provision of July 1, 1997.
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