

**House File 2031 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the licensed health professional member of a  
2 local board of health.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.1, subsection 2, Code 2020, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 2. "*Health officer*" ~~shall mean~~ means the physician,  
4 physician assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or  
5 advanced practice registered nurse who is the health officer  
6 of the local board of health.

7 Sec. 2. Section 137.105, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code  
8 2020, is amended to read as follows:

9 d. Local boards of health shall consist of at least five  
10 members. At least one member shall be licensed as a physician  
11 under chapter 148, a physician assistant under chapter 148C, an  
12 advanced registered nurse practitioner under chapter 152, or an  
13 advanced practice registered nurse under chapter 152E.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill provides that instead of requiring one of the  
18 five members of a local board of health to be a physician, one  
19 of the five members is instead required to be a physician, a  
20 physician assistant, an advanced registered nurse practitioner,  
21 or an advanced practice registered nurse. The bill also makes  
22 a conforming change to define the "health officer" of the local  
23 board of health as a physician, a physician assistant, an  
24 advanced registered nurse practitioner, or an advanced practice  
25 registered nurse.