

147.103A Physicians and surgeons, osteopaths, and osteopathic physicians and surgeons.

This chapter shall apply to the licensing of persons to practice as physicians and surgeons, osteopaths, and osteopathic physicians and surgeons by the board of medical examiners subject to the following provisions:

1. A person violating the provisions of section 147.2, 147.84, or 147.85, shall upon conviction be guilty of a class "D" felony.
2. The issuance of reciprocal agreements pursuant to section 147.44 is not required and is subject to the discretion of the board.
3. The board may appoint investigators, who shall not be members of the examining board, and whose compensation shall be determined pursuant to chapter 8A, subchapter IV. Investigators appointed by the board have the powers and status of peace officers when enforcing this chapter and chapters 148, 150, 150A, and 272C.
4. Applications for a license shall be made to the chairperson, executive director, or secretary of the board. All examination, license, and renewal fees shall be paid to and collected by the chairperson, executive director, or secretary of the board, who shall transmit the fees to the treasurer of state for deposit in the general fund of the state. The salary of the executive director of the board shall be established by the governor with approval of the executive council pursuant to section 8A.413, subsection 2, under the pay plan for exempt positions in the executive branch of government.
5. The board shall give priority to the processing of applications for licensure submitted by physicians and surgeons, osteopaths, and osteopathic physicians and surgeons whose practice will primarily involve provision of service to underserved populations, including but not limited to persons who are minorities or low-income, or who live in rural areas.
6. Disciplinary hearings held pursuant to section 272C.6, subsection 1, shall be heard by the board, or by a panel of not less than three board members, at least two of which are licensed in the profession, or by a panel of not less than three members appointed pursuant to section 272C.6, subsection 2. Notwithstanding chapters 17A and 21, a disciplinary hearing shall be open to the public at the discretion of the licensee.

92 Acts, ch 1183, § 9; 99 Acts, ch 141, §20; 2003 Acts, ch 145, §195