

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESHB 1619

As of February 25, 1998

Title: An act relating to compensation for members of medical boards.

Brief Description: Increasing compensation for members of medical boards.

Sponsors: House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Zellinsky, Dyer, Cody, Skinner, Parlette, Sherstad and Clements).

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health & Long-Term Care: 2/26/98.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & LONG-TERM CARE

Staff: Rhoda Jones (786-7198)

Background: Compensation rates for appointees of boards and committees are fixed in law. Class 1 boards are advisory and receive no compensation. Class 2 boards receive \$35 per day, Class 3 receive \$50 and Class 4 up to \$50 per day. The fees are commensurate with their level of responsibility. These fees are paid for through the profession's licensing fees.

Summary of Bill: A new group is created for compensating members of the health care commissions having quasi-judicial functions with responsibilities for policy direction in health professional credentialing programs and performing regulatory and licensing functions. Members of these commissions may receive compensation of up to \$250 per day for each day spent performing authorized duties.

This change would affect the four full-time commissions governing the practices of medicine, dentistry, nursing and chiropractic.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.