

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5359

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Modifying the health professions' appointment of pro tem members.

Sponsors: Senators Thibaudeau, Winsley, Parlette and Franklin; by request of Department of Health.

Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care
House Committee on Health Care

Background: The Secretary of Health is authorized by law to appoint up to three pro tem (or temporary) members to a health professions board or commission with licensing and disciplinary responsibilities. Pro tem members have all the powers and privileges of regularly appointed members, and sit on charging and disciplinary committees to assist in the investigation and adjudicative process.

The Department of Health has expressed concerns that the commissions face high case volumes, and that there are occasional difficulties in conducting a disciplinary proceeding when multiple members have to recuse themselves due to possible conflicts of interest.

Summary: The maximum limit of three pro tem members serving on a board or commission is repealed. Pro tem appointments are limited to one year, and pro tem members may serve no more than four one-year terms.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	93	0

Effective: July 22, 2001