
SENATE BILL 5172

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By Senators Moore and Conner.

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1 AN ACT Relating to the Washington state medical disciplinary board;
2 and amending RCW 18.72.040 and 18.72.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.72.040 and 1986 c 300 s 2 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 There is hereby created the "Washington state medical disciplinary
7 board," which shall be composed of one holder of a valid license to
8 practice medicine and surgery from each congressional district now
9 existing or hereafter created in the state, one practitioner of
10 nontraditional healing arts, and three members of the public appointed
11 by the governor who meet the qualifications contained in RCW
12 70.39.020(2) (~~shall be appointed by the governor~~). The public
13 members' term shall be for four years. In order to achieve staggered
14 terms, the public member serving on the board on June 11, 1986, shall
15 continue to serve until October 1, 1987. The remaining two public

1 members shall be appointed to initial terms of three years and four
2 years, respectively.

3 The board shall be an administrative agency of the state of
4 Washington. The attorney general shall be the advisor of the board and
5 shall represent it in all legal proceedings.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.72.020 and 1986 c 259 s 115 are each amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Terms used in this chapter and in RCW 18.71.040 and 18.71.080 have
9 the meaning set forth in this section unless the context clearly
10 indicates otherwise:

11 (1) "Board" means the medical disciplinary board.

12 (2) "License" means a certificate or license to practice medicine
13 and surgery in this state as provided for in RCW 18.71.010 and
14 18.71.050.

15 (3) "Members" means members of the medical disciplinary board.

16 (4) "Secretary" means the secretary of the medical disciplinary
17 board.

18 (5) "Nontraditional healing arts" means a system of medicine as
19 defined in RCW 18.71.011 where diagnosis and treatment are made using
20 methods not widely accepted in the medical community. Nontraditional
21 healing arts include but are not limited to: Allopathy, homeopathy,
22 osteopathy, naturopathy, and holistic treatment.