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Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Schual-Berke, Kagi, Cody, Lantz, Linville, Morrell, Wallace, Kenney, O'Brien, Miloscia, Sommers, Rockefeller and Darneille)

Brief Description: Improving the discipline of health professions.

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(AS OF HOUSE 2ND READING 2/16/04)

Declares that effective mechanisms are needed to ensure that the small minority of health professionals who engage in unprofessional conduct are reported and disciplined in a timely and effective manner.

Finds that jurisdiction for health professions disciplinary processes is divided between the secretary of health and fourteen independent boards and commissions. While the presence of a board or commission consisting of members of the profession that they regulate may add value to some steps of the disciplinary process, in other instances their involvement may be unnecessary, or even an impediment, to safeguarding the public's health and safety.

Declares it is in the interests of both public health and safety and credentialed health care professionals that the health professions disciplinary system operate effectively and appropriately.

Establishes the task force on improvement of health professions discipline.