

CHAPTER 98-166

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 2128

An act relating to regulation of professions; amending ss. 455.209, 455.213, 455.218, F.S.; conforming provisions to a previous administrative reorganization; amending s. 455.225, F.S.; revising probablecause provisions; prescribing authority of the department or a board in cases of failure to comply with continuing-education requirements; conforming provisions to a previous administrative reorganization; amending s. 455.2285, F.S.; conforming provisions to a previous administrative reorganization; amending s. 455.667, F.S.; revising provisions relating to ownership and control of patient records; amending s. 455.564, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Health and regulatory boards under the department to refuse to issue an initial license under circumstances relating to ongoing investigations or prosecutions of certain applicants; amending s. 455.565, F.S.; requiring certain applicants for restricted licensure as a physician to submit a set of fingerprints; amending ss. 458.320 and 459.0085, F.S.; revising notice requirements of financial responsibility for physicians and osteopathic physicians; repealing s. 455.661, F.S., relating to licensure of designated health services; amending s. 458.337, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to notify health maintenance organizations of specified disciplinary action against physicians; amending s. 459.016, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to notify health maintenance organizations of specified disciplinary action against osteopathic physicians; amending ss. 20.43, 120.80, 212.08, 215.37, 240.215, 310.102, 337.162, 381.0039, 383.32, 395.0193, 395.0197, 395.3025, 400.211, 400.491, 400.518, 408.061, 408.704, 409.2598, 415.1055, 415.5055, 415.51, 440.13, 455.565, 455.5651, 455.641, 455.651, 455.698, 455.717, 457.103, 458.307, 458.311, 458.3115, 458.3124, 458.319, 458.331, 458.343, 458.347, 459.004, 459.008, 459.015, 459.019, 459.022, 460.404, 460.4061, 460.407, 461.004, 461.007, 461.013, 462.01, 463.002, 463.003, 463.016, 464.004, 465.004, 465.006, 466.004, 466.007, 466.018, 466.022, 466.028, 467.003, 468.1135, 468.1145, 468.1185, 468.1295, 468.1665, 468.1755, 468.1756, 468.205, 468.219, 468.364, 468.365, 468.402, 468.4315, 468.453, 468.456, 468.4571, 468.506, 468.507, 468.513, 468.518, 468.523, 468.526, 468.532, 468.535, 468.701, 468.703, 468.707, 468.711, 468.719, 468.801, 468.811, 469.009, 470.003, 470.036, 471.008, 471.015, 471.033, 471.038, 472.015, 473.3035, 473.308, 473.311, 473.323, 474.204, 474.214, 474.2145, 475.021, 475.181, 475.25, 475.624, 476.204, 477.029, 480.044, 481.2055, 481.213, 481.225, 481.2251, 481.306, 481.311, 481.325, 483.805, 483.807, 483.901, 484.002, 484.003, 484.014, 484.042, 484.056, 486.023, 486.115, 486.172, 489.129, 489.533, 490.004, 490.00515, 490.009, 490.015, 491.004, 491.0047, 491.009, 491.015, 492.103, 492.113, 627.668, 627.912, 636.039, 641.27, 641.316, 641.55, 766.106, 766.305, 766.308, 766.314, 817.505, and 937.031, F.S.; correcting references, cross-references, definitions, and terminology relating to authority and jurisdiction of the Department of Health; authorizing the department to issue a physicist-in-training certificate; authorizing the Board of Medicine to adopt by rule practice standards; authorizing the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to adopt by rule practice standards; amending ss. 215.20, 391.208, 391.217, 400.5575, 408.20, 641.60, F.S.; correcting cross-references relating to the Health Care Trust Fund; amending ss. 39.01, 320.0848, 381.026, 381.0261, 381.0302, 395.0191, 395.1041,

395.301, 404.22, 409.906, 415.503, 440.106, 440.13, 440.134, 440.15, 455.684, 455.691, 455.697, 455.698, 456.31, 456.32, 461.001, 461.002, 461.003, 461.004, 461.006, 461.009, 461.012, 461.013, 461.0134, 461.014, 461.015, 461.018, 464.003, 468.301, 468.302, 468.304, 468.307, 468.314, 476.044, 477.0135, 483.901, 486.161, 621.03, 627.351, 627.357, 627.419, 627.6482, 627.912, 641.425, 725.01, 766.101, 766.102, 766.103, 766.105, 766.110, 766.1115, 893.02, 984.03, F.S.; revising terminology relating to podiatry and podiatrists; authorizing dentists and dental hygienists to be governmental contractors; amending s. 409.908, F.S., relating to reimbursement of Medicaid providers; requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules governing insurance coverage for midwives; amending s. 455.564, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Health issue certain identification cards and certificates; requiring that the Department of Health or a regulatory board adopt rules governing alternative methods by which licensees may obtain continuing education credits in risk management; amending s. 455.574, F.S.; requiring the Department of Health to adopt rules governing licensure examinations; amending s. 468.705, F.S.; requiring that the Department of Health adopt rules governing a protocol between athletic trainers and supervising physicians; amending s. 865.09, F.S., relating to fictitious name registration; providing certain exemptions for persons licensed by the Department of Health; amending ss. 627.6407, 627.6619, F.S.; providing conditions for health insurance coverage of massage; amending s. 458.317, F.S.; providing requirements for a physician who practices under a limited license; amending s. 465.019, F.S.; providing emergency room physician authority to dispense up to a 24-hour drug supply to a patient under certain circumstances; amending s. 468.703, F.S.; revising requirements for members of the Council of Athletic Training; amending s. 766.204, F.S.; revising procedures for the availability of medical records; amending s. 483.901, F.S.; revising a deadline for issuance of certain licenses to practice medical physics; amending ss. 458.345, 459.021, F.S.; revising the requirements for a hospital's submission of reports on resident physicians, interns, and fellows; amending ss. 20.43, 322.125, 381.0031, 381.0302, 382.002, 395.0195, 415.1034, 415.504, 440.106, 440.13, 440.134, 440.15, 455.564, 455.654, 455.684, 455.691, 455.694, 456.31, 456.32, 459.002, 460.403, 460.404, 460.405, 460.406, 460.408, 460.411, 460.412, 460.413, 460.4166, 462.01, 468.301, 468.302, 468.314, 476.044, 477.0135, 483.901, 486.021, 486.161, 621.03, 627.351, 627.357, 627.6482, 641.316, 725.01, 766.101, 766.102, 766.103, 817.234, and 945.047, F.S.; revising terminology relating to chiropractic medicine; retitling chapter 460, F.S., to conform; providing form of professional licenses; providing an appropriation to the Department of Health to develop the examination required for foreign-licensed physicians; providing examination fees; providing an expiration date; amending s. 490.005, F.S.; revising requirements for licensure as a psychologist by examination to grandfather in certain applicants; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 13. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section 120.80, Florida

Statutes, is amended, and subsection (15) is added to that section, to read:

120.80 Exceptions and special requirements; agencies.—

(4) DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION.

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(b) Professional regulation.—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), formal hearings may not be conducted by the Secretary of Business and Professional Regulation, ~~the director of the Agency for Health Care Administration~~, or a board or member of a board within the Department of Business and Professional Regulation ~~or the Agency for Health Care Administration~~ for matters relating to the regulation of professions, as defined by part I of chapter 455.

(15) DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.—Notwithstanding s. 120.57(1)(a), formal hearings may not be conducted by the Secretary of Health, the director of the Agency for Health Care Administration, or a board or member of a board within the Department of Health or the Agency for Health Care Administration for matters relating to the regulation of professions, as defined by part II of chapter 455.