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Bill Analysis

SB 876 authorizes the secretary or State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision to hire a physician as, or continue to allow the Board Secretary to serve as Medical Advisor. The measure further states the Advisory Committee does not need to meet for the Board to determine the qualifications of an applicant for a license, but individual members of the Committee may examine the applicant's qualifications and provide a recommendation to the Board.

The Board is further directed by the measure promulgate rules related to continuing education for licensees and provides for a nondisciplinary fine of up to \$1,000.00 for any failure to comply with continuing education requirements. The measure also provides for a maximum \$1,000.00 fine for unintentional misrepresentation of information on an application. Hearings for a physician disputing allegations shall be conducted at its next meeting after ninety days after the receipt of a citation. The Board is directed to promulgate rules to create administrative remedies for licensee violations. Investigative files are to remain confidential. Investigators shall be peace officers certified by the Council on Law Enforcement Education Training. Licensees or applicants are deemed to have consented to access or inspection of records, but a search warrant must be obtained if access or inspection is refused. A director of the Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program may be hired, and it may contract with outside entities.

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