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Bill Analysis

SB 1984 changes shall to may as it relates to osteopathic physicians engaged in an internship receiving an advanced resident license. The measure also requires any person evaluating medical records of and rendering a medical opinion of a patient, including for insurance purposes, to be licensed in the area the person is providing a medical opinion. The measure authorizes the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners to compel any licensee or applicant through subpoena to appear and give testimony. The Board may also design a jurisprudence examination. The measure provides that an osteopathic physician who delegates medical practice responsibilities to a person who is not qualified by licensure or training shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

The measure strikes language prohibiting such physicians from signing blank prescription forms. The measure broadens language relating to habitual use of certain drugs subjecting the physician to disciplinary action to include legal or illegal drugs or substances, or alcohol in any manner which could adversely impact the physician's ability to provide quality unimpaired care. The measure includes the act of violating or aiding the violation of medical marijuana laws on the list of actions subject to discipline by the Board. The measure authorizes the executive director to issue an emergency suspension to any license issued by the Board if an emergency exists and the executive director has consulted a medical advisor prior to the issuance of the emergency suspension. The suspension shall be for a period of 30 days. The suspended individual shall be entitled to a hearing at the next Board meeting with 3/4's of the members present.

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