

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 1043

By: Daniels

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the practice of medicine; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 481, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 481), which relates to the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision; modifying membership requirements; adding physician assistant members; stating requirements for physician assistant members; stipulating appointment authorities; amending 59 O.S. 2021, Section 482, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 482), which relates to appointments; modifying and decreasing duration of terms; removing certain limitation on appointees; permitting appointing authority to consider certain recommendations; prohibiting member from voting on certain issues; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 481, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 481), is amended to read as follows:

Section 481. A. A State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, 2024, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law.

1 B. The Board shall be composed of ~~seven (7)~~ five allopathic
2 physicians licensed to practice medicine in this state ~~and represent~~
3 ~~the public,~~ two physician assistants licensed to practice medicine
4 in this state, and ~~four (4)~~ two lay members. All members of the
5 Board shall be residents of this state.

6 ~~B.~~ C. The physician members of the Board shall be graduates of
7 legally chartered medical schools recognized by the Oklahoma State
8 Regents for Higher Education or the Liaison Committee on Medical
9 Education or foreign medical schools recognized by the State Board
10 of Medical Licensure and Supervision. The physician members shall:

11 1. Be currently licensed physicians who have actively practiced
12 as licensed physicians continuously in this state for the three (3)
13 years immediately preceding their appointment to the Board; or

14 2. Be retired physicians; provided, that such physicians must
15 demonstrate satisfactorily to the Board that since retirement they
16 have remained in compliance with, and are currently in compliance
17 with, continuing medical education requirements of the Board.

18 ~~C. All members of the Board shall be residents of this state~~
19 ~~and shall be appointed by the Governor as provided for in Section~~
20 ~~482 of this title. All present members of the Board shall continue~~
21 ~~to serve for the remainder of their current terms.~~

22 D. The physician assistant members of the Board shall be
23 graduates of accredited physician assistant programs recognized by
24 the Board. The physician assistant members shall:

1 1. Be currently licensed physician assistants who have actively
2 practiced as licensed physician assistants continuously in this
3 state for the three (3) years immediately preceding their
4 appointment to the Board; or

5 2. Be retired physician assistants; provided, that such
6 physician assistants must demonstrate satisfactorily to the Board
7 that since retirement they have remained in compliance with, and are
8 currently in compliance with, continuing medical education
9 requirements of the Board.

10 E. Members shall be appointed as follows:

11 1. The following five members shall be appointed by the
12 Governor:

13 a. three physician members, and

14 b. two lay members;

15 2. The following two members shall be appointed by the
16 President Pro Tempore of the Senate:

17 a. one physician member, and

18 b. one physician assistant member; and

19 3. The following two members shall be appointed by the Speaker
20 of the House of Representatives:

21 a. one physician member, and

22 b. one physician assistant member.

1 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2021, Section 482, as
2 amended by Section 2, Chapter 227, O.S.L. 2024 (59 O.S. Supp. 2024,
3 Section 482), is amended to read as follows:

4 Section 482. ~~Physician members~~ A. Members of the State Board
5 of Medical Licensure and Supervision shall be appointed for terms of
6 ~~seven (7)~~ four (4) years. ~~The lay members of the Board shall serve~~
7 ~~terms coterminous with that of the Governor and until a qualified~~
8 ~~successor has been duly appointed and~~ Each member shall serve at the
9 pleasure of ~~the Governor~~ his or her appointing authority and may be
10 removed or replaced without cause. No member shall be appointed to
11 serve more than two complete consecutive terms.

12 B. Each ~~physician~~ member shall hold office until the expiration
13 of the term for which appointed or until a qualified successor has
14 been duly appointed. An appointment shall be made by the ~~Governor~~
15 appointing authority within ninety (90) days after the expiration of
16 the term of any member or the occurrence of a vacancy on the Board
17 due to resignation, death, or any cause resulting in an unexpired
18 term. ~~The appointment of allopathic physicians shall be made from a~~
19 ~~list of three names submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma State~~
20 ~~Medical Association. The Association may submit names of members or~~
21 ~~nonmembers of the Association~~

22 C. 1. In selecting physician appointees, the appointing
23 authority may consider recommendations from a statewide organization
24 representing physicians, a state chapter of a national organization

1 representing physicians, or other groups or individuals in this
2 state.

3 2. In selecting physician assistant appointees, the appointing
4 authority may consider recommendations from a statewide organization
5 representing physician assistants, a state chapter of a national
6 organization representing physician assistants, or other groups or
7 individuals in this state.

8 D. No member of the Board shall be a stockholder in any medical
9 school or physician assistant program. A member of the Board shall
10 be prohibited from voting on any issue in which the member has a
11 direct financial interest.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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