

# ANALYSIS OF HOUSE BILL 1216

Removing the termination of the secretary of health's authority  
for administrative procedures.

**SPONSORS:** Representative Barlett and Cody.

**BACKGROUND:** In 1998, the Legislature authorized the Secretary of Health in consultation with the health profession regulatory boards and commissions to consolidate one process the administrative procedure and requirements for the regulation of the health care professions. A uniform administrative process was created by rule that includes the issuance and renewal of credentials, practice, auditing, continuing education requirements and reissuing expired credentials.

After March 1, 1999, this rule-making authority of the Secretary of Health expires and is transferred to the various boards or commissions. Rules previously adopted by the Secretary establishing the uniform administrative procedure and requirements do not remain in effect after March 1, 1999.

The department currently issues credentials for 220,000 health professionals and regulates 53 health care professions.

**SUMMARY:** The expiration of the authority of the Secretary of Health to establish uniform procedures and requirements for the credentialing of regulated health professions is repealed.

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