

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Olympia, Washington

Bil Analysis

Bil No. HB 2200

Relating to the powers of the director of licensing

Brief title

Hearing Date 3/2/99

Reps Romer & McMorris

Sponsor(s)

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State Government Committee

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BACKGROUND:

The department of licensing is required to be organized into divisions, including the business professions administrative division, which includes the divisions of real estate and professional licensing.

The director of the Department of Licensing is appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate and holds office at the pleasure of the Governor.

The director of the Department of Licensing is required to appoint a deputy and an assistant director for business and professional administration. The director may delegate to the assistant director authority to promulgate rules and regulations relating to the licensing of persons engaged in business and professions (2) appoint such clerical and other assistants as may be necessary and to deputize assistants to perform duties in the name of the director.

SUMMARY:

Statutes relating to the Department of Licensing are revised to clarify the authority of the director of that department.

The director is declared to supervise and administer the Department of Licensing and advise the Legislature and the Governor with respect to matters under the jurisdiction of the department. The director is granted specific authority

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Enter into contracts to carry out the department's responsibilities;

- Accept and expend gifts and grants;
- Administer the department, including complete and supervisory powers over the

department and create administrative structures;

- Adopt rules;
- Delegate powers and duties and
- Establish advisory groups.

Referenced duties formerly performed by the Department of Licensing regarding optometry are now under the authority of the Department of Health and are repealed.

FISCAL NOTE: Not requested.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill passed.