

***Health Care Committee***

***SB 5359***

***Brief Description:*** *Modifying the health professions' appointment of pro tem members.*

***Sponsors:*** *By Senators Thibaudeau, Winsley, Parlette and Franklin; by request of Department of Health.*

***Brief Summary of Bill***

- *Allows the Secretary of Health to appoint any number of pro tem members to committees of a health professions board or commission.*

***Hearing Date:*** *3/22/01*

***Staff:*** *John Welsh (786-7133).*

***Background:***

*The Secretary of Health is authorized by law to appoint up to three pro tem (pro tempore or temporary) members to a health professions board or commission with licensing and disciplinary responsibilities. Pro tem members have all the powers and privileges of regularly appointed members, and sit on charging and disciplinary panels to assist in the investigation and adjudicative process.*

***Summary of Bill:***

*The Secretary may appoint an unlimited number of pro tem members to a panel of a health professions board or commission. Their appointments are limited to one-year terms, and reappointment cannot exceed four one-year terms.*

***Appropriation:*** *None.*

***Fiscal Note:*** *Available.*

***Effective Date:*** *Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.*

