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SENATE BILL 5352

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By Senators Rivers and Cleveland; by request of Department of Health

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1            AN ACT Relating to increasing the number of members on the board  
2 of osteopathic medicine and surgery; and amending RCW 18.57.003.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.57.003 and 1991 c 160 s 2 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6            There is hereby created an agency of the state of Washington,  
7 consisting of (~~seven~~) eleven individuals appointed by the governor  
8 to be known as the Washington state board of osteopathic medicine and  
9 surgery.

10            On expiration of the term of any member, the governor shall  
11 appoint for a period of five years a qualified individual to take the  
12 place of such member. Each member shall hold office until the  
13 expiration of the term for which such member is appointed or until a  
14 successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified. Initial  
15 appointments shall be made and vacancies in the membership of the  
16 board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the  
17 governor.

18            Each member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States  
19 and must be an actual resident of this state. (~~One member shall be a~~  
20 ~~consumer who has~~) Two members must be consumers who have neither a  
21 financial nor a fiduciary relationship to a health care delivery

1 system, one member must have been in active practice as a licensed  
2 osteopathic physician assistant in this state for at least five years  
3 immediately preceding appointment, and every other member must have  
4 been in active practice as a licensed osteopathic physician and  
5 surgeon in this state for at least five years immediately preceding  
6 appointment.

7 The board shall elect a chairperson, a secretary, and a vice  
8 chairperson from its members. Meetings of the board shall be held at  
9 least four times a year and at such place as the board shall  
10 determine and at such other times and places as the board deems  
11 necessary.

12 An affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members present  
13 at a meeting or hearing shall be required for the board to take any  
14 official action. The board may not take any action without a quorum  
15 of the board members present. A simple majority of the board members  
16 currently serving constitutes a quorum of the board.

17 Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with  
18 RCW 43.03.240 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
19 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

20 Any member of the board may be removed by the governor for  
21 neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or  
22 upon written request of two-thirds of the physicians licensed under  
23 this chapter and in active practice in this state.

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