

**SSB 5753** - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Health Care & Wellness

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 **"Sec. 1.** RCW 18.32.0351 and 2007 c 269 s 16 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 The Washington state dental quality assurance commission is  
6 established, consisting of ~~((sixteen))~~ seventeen members each  
7 appointed by the governor to a four-year term. No member may serve  
8 more than two consecutive full terms. ~~((In appointing the initial  
9 members of the commission, it is the intent of the legislature that,  
10 to the extent possible, members of the previous boards and committees  
11 regulating these professions be appointed to the commission.))~~  
12 Members of the commission hold office until their successors are  
13 appointed. ~~((The governor may appoint members of the initial  
14 commission to staggered terms of from one to four years. Thereafter,  
15 all))~~ All members shall be appointed to full four-year terms. Twelve  
16 members of the commission must be dentists, two members must be  
17 expanded function dental auxiliaries licensed under chapter 18.260  
18 RCW, and ~~((two))~~ three members must be public members.

19 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.32.0355 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 206 are each amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 Members must be ~~((citizens of the United States and))~~ residents  
22 of this state. Dentist members must be licensed dentists in the  
23 active practice of dentistry for a period of five years before  
24 appointment. Of the twelve dentists appointed to the commission, at  
25 least four must reside and engage in the active practice of dentistry  
26 east of the summit of the Cascade mountain range. Public members of  
27 the commission may not be a member of any other health care licensing  
28 board or commission, or have a fiduciary obligation to a facility  
29 rendering health services regulated by the commission, or have a  
30 material or financial interest in the rendering of health services  
31 regulated by the commission.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.52.040 and 2011 c 336 s 488 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) The state board of nursing home administrators shall consist  
4 of ~~((nine))~~ eleven members appointed by the governor. ~~((Four))~~ Six  
5 members shall be persons licensed under this chapter who have at  
6 least four years actual experience in the administration of a  
7 licensed nursing home in this state ~~((immediately preceding~~  
8 ~~appointment to the board and who are not employed by the state or~~  
9 ~~federal government))~~. At least one, but not more than two, of the six  
10 administrator members shall be an administrator of an assisted living  
11 facility or a continuing care retirement community.

12       ~~((Four))~~ (2) Three members shall be representatives of ~~((the~~  
13 ~~health care professions))~~ one or more of the following:

14       (a) Licensed health care professionals providing medical or  
15 nursing services in nursing homes who are privately or self-employed;  
16 ~~((or shall be persons employed by))~~

17       (b) Faculty or administrators of educational institutions who  
18 have special knowledge ~~((or expertise in the field of health care~~  
19 ~~administration, health care education or long-term care or both, or~~  
20 ~~care of the aged and chronically ill.~~

21       ~~One member))~~ of health care education, long-term care, or care of  
22 the aged or elderly; or

23       (c) Persons currently employed in areas related to the long-term  
24 care field including, but not limited to, pharmacy, home health,  
25 adult family homes, or therapy services.

26       (3) Two members shall be ~~((a))~~ members of the health care  
27 consuming public who are residents of ~~((a))~~ nursing homes or ~~((a))~~  
28 family members of ~~((a resident))~~ nursing home residents or ~~((a))~~  
29 persons eligible for medicare. No member who is a nonadministrator  
30 representative shall have any direct or family financial interest in  
31 nursing homes while serving as a member of the board. The governor  
32 shall consult with and seek the recommendations of the appropriate  
33 statewide business and professional organizations and societies  
34 primarily concerned with long-term health care facilities in the  
35 course of considering his or her appointments to the board. ~~((Board~~  
36 ~~members currently serving shall continue to serve until the~~  
37 ~~expiration of their appointments.))~~

38       **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.52.050 and 1992 c 53 s 5 are each amended to read  
39 as follows:

1 Members of the board shall be (~~citizens of the United States~~  
2 ~~and~~) residents of this state. All administrator members of the board  
3 shall be holders of licenses under this chapter. The terms of all  
4 members shall be five years. Any board member may be removed for just  
5 cause including a finding of fact of unprofessional conduct or  
6 impaired practice. The governor may appoint a new member to fill any  
7 vacancy on the board for the remainder of the unexpired term. No  
8 board member may serve more than two consecutive full terms(~~(7~~  
9 ~~whether full or partial)~~). Board members shall serve until their  
10 successors are appointed. Board members shall be compensated in  
11 accordance with RCW (~~(43.03.240)~~) 43.03.265 and shall be reimbursed  
12 for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The  
13 board is designated as a class five group for purposes of chapter  
14 43.03 RCW. The board may elect annually a chair and vice chair to  
15 direct the meetings of the board. The board shall meet at least four  
16 times each year and may hold additional meetings as called by the  
17 secretary or the chair. A majority of the board members appointed and  
18 serving constitutes a quorum for the transaction of board business.  
19 The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the board is  
20 required to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass  
21 a measure.

22 **Sec. 5.** RCW 18.74.020 and 2007 c 98 s 2 are each amended to read  
23 as follows:

24 The state board of physical therapy is hereby created. The board  
25 shall consist of (~~(six)~~) seven members who shall be appointed by the  
26 governor. (~~(Of the initial appointments, two shall be appointed for a~~  
27 ~~term of two years, two for a term of three years, and one for a term~~  
28 ~~of four years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for terms of~~  
29 ~~four years. Four)~~) Five members of the board shall be physical  
30 therapists licensed under this chapter and residing in this state,  
31 shall have not less than five years' experience in the practice of  
32 physical therapy, and shall be actively engaged in practice within  
33 two years of appointment. One member shall be a physical therapist  
34 assistant licensed under this chapter and residing in this state,  
35 shall not have less than five years' experience in the practice of  
36 physical therapy, and shall be actively engaged in practice within  
37 two years of appointment. The (~~(sixth)~~) seventh member shall be  
38 appointed from the public at large, shall have an interest in the  
39 rights of consumers of health services, and shall not be or have been

1 a member of any other licensing board, a licensee of any health  
2 occupation board, an employee of any health facility nor derive his  
3 or her primary livelihood from the provision of health services at  
4 any level of responsibility. In the event that a member of the board  
5 for any reason cannot complete his or her term of office, another  
6 appointment shall be made by the governor in accordance with the  
7 procedure stated in this section to fill the remainder of the term.  
8 No member may serve for more than two (~~successive~~) consecutive full  
9 four-year terms.

10 The secretary of health shall furnish such secretarial, clerical,  
11 and other assistance as the board may require. Each member of the  
12 board shall, in addition to travel expenses in accordance with RCW  
13 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, be compensated in accordance with RCW  
14 (~~43.03.240~~) 43.03.265. The board is designated as a class five  
15 group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW.

16 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.74.027 and 1983 c 116 s 5 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 The board shall elect from its members a chairperson and vice  
19 chairperson-secretary, who shall serve for one year and until their  
20 successors are elected. The board shall meet at least once a year and  
21 upon the call of the chairperson at such times and places as the  
22 chairperson designates. (~~Three members constitute a quorum of the~~  
23 ~~full board for the transaction of any business.~~) A majority of the  
24 board members appointed and serving constitutes a quorum for the  
25 transaction of board business. The affirmative vote of a majority of  
26 a quorum of the board is required to carry a motion or resolution, to  
27 adopt a rule, or to pass a measure. Meetings of the board shall be  
28 open and public, except the board may hold executive sessions to the  
29 extent permitted by chapter 42.30 RCW.

30 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.92.021 and 2007 c 235 s 3 are each amended to  
31 read as follows:

32 (1) There is created a Washington state veterinary board of  
33 governors (~~consisting~~) reflecting the diverse practice of animal  
34 medicine, including large animal, small animal, and specialty  
35 practice, as well as diverse types of employment and practice  
36 ownership including sole proprietorships, partnerships, and  
37 corporations. The board shall consist of (~~seven~~) nine members,

38 (~~five~~) six of whom shall be licensed veterinarians, one of whom

1 shall be a licensed veterinary technician (~~((trained in both large and~~  
2 ~~small animal medicine))~~), one of whom shall be a licensed veterinarian  
3 or a licensed veterinary technician, and one of whom shall be a  
4 (~~lay~~) member of the public.

5 (2) (a) The licensed members shall be appointed by the governor.  
6 At the time of their appointment the licensed members of the board  
7 must be actual residents of the state in active practice as licensed  
8 practitioners of veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry, or  
9 employed as a licensed veterinary technician, as applicable(~~(, and~~  
10 ~~must be citizens of the United States))~~). Not more than (~~one~~) two  
11 licensed veterinary members shall be from the same congressional  
12 district. The board shall not be deemed to be unlawfully constituted  
13 and a member of the board shall not be deemed ineligible to serve the  
14 remainder of the member's unexpired term on the board solely by  
15 reason of the establishment of new or revised boundaries for  
16 congressional districts.

17 (b) The terms of the (~~first licensed~~) members (~~of the board~~)  
18 shall be (~~as follows: One member for five, four, three, two, and one~~  
19 ~~years respectively. Thereafter the terms shall be for~~) five years  
20 and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

21 (c) (~~The lay member shall be appointed by the governor for a~~  
22 ~~five year term and until the lay member's successor is appointed.~~

23 (~~d~~)) A member may be appointed to serve (~~a second term, if that~~  
24 ~~term does not run consecutively~~) two consecutive full terms.

25 (~~e~~) (d) Vacancies (~~in~~) on the board shall be filled by the  
26 governor, the appointee to hold office for the remainder of the  
27 unexpired term.

28 (3) (~~The licensed veterinary technician member is a nonvoting~~  
29 ~~member with respect to board decisions related to the discipline of a~~  
30 ~~veterinarian involving standard of care.~~

31 (~~4~~)) Officers of the board shall be a chair and a (~~secretary-~~  
32 ~~treasurer~~) vice chair to be chosen by the members of the board from  
33 among its members.

34 (~~5~~) ~~Four members of the board shall constitute a quorum at~~  
35 ~~meetings of the board.~~) (4) A majority of the board members  
36 appointed and serving constitutes a quorum for the transaction of  
37 board business. The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the  
38 board is required to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule,  
39 or to pass a measure.

1       **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.92.040 and 1991 c 3 s 240 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with  
4 RCW ~~((43.70.250))~~ 43.03.265 and shall be reimbursed for travel  
5 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The board is  
6 designated as a class five group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW.  
7 No expense may be incurred by members of the board except in  
8 connection with board meetings without prior approval of the  
9 secretary.

10       **Sec. 9.** RCW 18.108.020 and 1991 c 3 s 253 are each amended to  
11 read as follows:

12       The Washington state board of massage is ~~((hereby))~~ created. The  
13 board shall consist of ~~((four))~~ seven members who shall be appointed  
14 by the governor for a term of four years each. ~~((Members))~~ All  
15 members shall be residents of this state ~~((and shall have not less~~  
16 ~~than three years experience in the practice of massage immediately~~  
17 ~~preceding their appointment and shall be licensed under this chapter~~  
18 ~~and actively engaged in the practice of massage during their~~  
19 ~~incumbency.~~

20       ~~In addition to the members specified in this section, the~~  
21 ~~governor shall appoint a consumer member of the board, who shall~~  
22 ~~serve for a term of four years. The consumer member of the board~~  
23 ~~shall be an individual who does not derive his or her livelihood by~~  
24 ~~providing health care services or massage therapy and is not a~~  
25 ~~licensed health professional. The consumer member shall not be an~~  
26 ~~employee of the state nor a present or former member of another~~  
27 ~~licensing board)). Five members shall be massage therapists licensed~~  
28 under this chapter with at least three years' experience in the  
29 practice of massage immediately preceding their appointment and shall  
30 at all times during their terms remain licensed massage therapists.

31       One member shall be a consumer whose occupation does not include  
32 the administration of health activities or the provision of health  
33 services and who has no material financial interest in the provision  
34 of health care services.

35       One member shall be a massage educator or massage school owner  
36 with at least three years' experience in the teaching or  
37 administration of direct student learning of the practice of massage.  
38 The educator or school owner member is not required to be a licensed  
39 massage therapist. The member shall recuse themselves from any board

1 deliberations or decision making involving the school or educational  
2 program with which the member is professionally affiliated.

3 In the event that a member cannot complete (~~(his or her)~~) their  
4 term of office, another appointment shall be made by the governor in  
5 accordance with the procedures stated in this section to fill the  
6 remainder of the term. No member may serve more than two successive  
7 full terms (~~(whether full or partial)~~). The governor may remove any  
8 member of the board for neglect of duty, incompetence, or  
9 unprofessional or disorderly conduct as determined under chapter  
10 18.130 RCW.

11 Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with  
12 RCW (~~(43.03.240)~~) 43.03.265. The board is designated as a class five  
13 group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW. Members shall be reimbursed  
14 for travel expenses incurred in the actual performance of their  
15 duties, as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

16 The board may annually elect a chairperson to direct the meetings  
17 of the board. The board shall meet as called by the chairperson or  
18 the secretary. (~~(Three members of the board shall constitute a quorum~~  
19 ~~of the board.)~~) A majority of the board members appointed and serving  
20 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of board business. The  
21 affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the board is required  
22 to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass a  
23 measure.

24 **Sec. 10.** RCW 18.83.035 and 1989 c 226 s 1 are each amended to  
25 read as follows:

26 There is created the examining board of psychology which shall  
27 examine the qualifications of applicants for licensing. The board  
28 shall consist of (~~(seven)~~) nine psychologists and two public members,  
29 all appointed by the governor. The public members shall not be and  
30 have never been psychologists or in training to be psychologists;  
31 they may not have any household member who is a psychologist or in  
32 training to be a psychologist; they may not participate or ever have  
33 participated in a commercial or professional field related to  
34 psychology, nor have a household member who has so participated; and  
35 they may not have had within two years before appointment a  
36 substantial financial interest in a person regulated by the board.  
37 Each psychologist member of the board shall (~~(be a citizen of the~~  
38 ~~United States who has)~~) have actively practiced psychology in the  
39 state of Washington for at least three years immediately preceding

1 appointment and who is licensed under this chapter. Board members  
2 shall be appointed for a term of five years, except that the terms of  
3 the existing appointees shall be adjusted by the governor so that no  
4 more than two members' terms expire each year with all subsequent  
5 appointments for a five-year term. Upon the death, resignation, or  
6 removal of a member, the governor shall appoint a successor to serve  
7 for the unexpired term. The board shall elect one of its members to  
8 serve as chairperson.

9 **Sec. 11.** RCW 18.83.045 and 1991 c 3 s 195 are each amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 The board shall meet at least once each year and at such other  
12 times as the board deems appropriate to properly discharge its  
13 duties. All meetings shall be held in Olympia, Washington, or such  
14 other places as may be designated by the secretary. Five members of  
15 the board shall constitute a quorum, except that oral examinations  
16 may be conducted with only three psychologist members. A majority of  
17 the board members appointed and serving constitutes a quorum for the  
18 transaction of board business. The affirmative vote of a majority of  
19 a quorum of the board is required to carry a motion or resolution, to  
20 adopt a rule, or to pass a measure.

21 **Sec. 12.** RCW 18.83.051 and 1984 c 287 s 48 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with  
24 RCW ((43.03.240)) 43.03.265 and in addition thereto shall be  
25 reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in carrying out the duties of  
26 the board in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The board  
27 is designated as a class five group for purposes of chapter 43.03  
28 RCW.

29 **Sec. 13.** RCW 18.64.001 and 2013 c 19 s 3 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 There shall be a state pharmacy quality assurance commission  
32 consisting of fifteen members, to be appointed by the governor by and  
33 with the advice and consent of the senate. Ten of the members shall  
34 be designated as pharmacist members, four of the members shall be  
35 designated a public member, and one member shall be a pharmacy  
36 technician.

1 Each pharmacist member shall be a (~~citizen of the United States~~  
2 ~~and a~~) resident of this state, and at the time of his or her  
3 appointment shall have been a duly registered pharmacist under the  
4 laws of this state for a period of at least five consecutive years  
5 immediately preceding his or her appointment and shall at all times  
6 during his or her incumbency continue to be a duly licensed  
7 pharmacist: PROVIDED, That subject to the availability of qualified  
8 candidates the governor shall appoint pharmacist members  
9 representative of the areas of practice and geographically  
10 representative of the state of Washington.

11 The public member shall be a (~~citizen of the United States and~~  
12 ~~a~~) resident of this state. The public member shall be appointed from  
13 the public at large, but shall not be affiliated with any aspect of  
14 pharmacy.

15 Members of the commission shall hold office for a term of four  
16 years, and the terms shall be staggered so that the terms of office  
17 of not more than two members will expire simultaneously on the third  
18 Monday in January of each year.

19 No person who has been appointed to and served for two four year  
20 terms shall be eligible for appointment to the commission.

21 Each member shall qualify by taking the usual oath of a state  
22 officer, which shall be filed with the secretary of state, and each  
23 member shall hold office for the term of his or her appointment and  
24 until his or her successor is appointed and qualified.

25 In case of the resignation or disqualification of a member, or a  
26 vacancy occurring from any cause, the governor shall appoint a  
27 successor for the unexpired term.

28 **Sec. 14.** RCW 18.64.003 and 2013 c 19 s 4 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30 Members of the commission shall meet at such places and times as  
31 it shall determine and as often as necessary to discharge the duties  
32 imposed upon it. The commission shall elect a chairperson and a vice  
33 chairperson from among its members. A majority of the commission  
34 members appointed and serving constitutes a quorum for the  
35 transaction of commission business. The affirmative vote of a  
36 majority of a quorum of the commission is required to carry a motion  
37 or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass a measure. The commission  
38 is designated as a class five group for purposes of chapter 43.03  
39 RCW. Each member shall be compensated in accordance with RCW

1 ((43.03.240)) 43.03.265 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
2 in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

3 **Sec. 15.** RCW 18.64.005 and 2013 c 19 s 5 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 The commission shall:

6 (1) Regulate the practice of pharmacy and enforce all laws placed  
7 under its jurisdiction;

8 (2) Prepare or determine the nature of, and supervise the grading  
9 of, examinations for applicants for pharmacists' licenses;

10 (3) Establish the qualifications for licensure of pharmacists or  
11 pharmacy interns;

12 (4) Conduct hearings for the revocation or suspension of  
13 licenses, permits, registrations, certificates, or any other  
14 authority to practice granted by the commission, which hearings may  
15 also be conducted by an administrative law judge appointed under  
16 chapter 34.12 RCW or a presiding officer designated by the  
17 commission. The commission may authorize the secretary, or their  
18 designee, to serve as the presiding officer for any disciplinary  
19 proceedings of the commission authorized under this chapter. The  
20 presiding officer shall not vote on or make any final decision in  
21 cases pertaining to standards of practice or where clinical expertise  
22 is necessary. All functions performed by the presiding officer shall  
23 be subject to chapter 34.05 RCW;

24 (5) Issue subpoenas and administer oaths in connection with any  
25 hearing, or disciplinary proceeding held under this chapter or any  
26 other chapter assigned to the commission;

27 (6) Assist the regularly constituted enforcement agencies of this  
28 state in enforcing all laws pertaining to drugs, controlled  
29 substances, and the practice of pharmacy, or any other laws or rules  
30 under its jurisdiction;

31 (7) Promulgate rules for the dispensing, distribution,  
32 wholesaling, and manufacturing of drugs and devices and the practice  
33 of pharmacy for the protection and promotion of the public health,  
34 safety, and welfare. Violation of any such rules shall constitute  
35 grounds for refusal, suspension, or revocation of licenses or any  
36 other authority to practice issued by the commission;

37 (8) Adopt rules establishing and governing continuing education  
38 requirements for pharmacists and other licensees applying for renewal  
39 of licenses under this chapter;

1 (9) Be immune, collectively and individually, from suit in any  
2 action, civil or criminal, based upon any disciplinary proceedings or  
3 other official acts performed as members of the commission. Such  
4 immunity shall apply to employees of the department when acting in  
5 the course of disciplinary proceedings;

6 (10) Suggest strategies for preventing, reducing, and eliminating  
7 drug misuse, diversion, and abuse, including professional and public  
8 education, and treatment of persons misusing and abusing drugs;

9 (11) Conduct or encourage educational programs to be conducted to  
10 prevent the misuse, diversion, and abuse of drugs for health care  
11 practitioners and licensed or certified health care facilities;

12 (12) Monitor trends of drug misuse, diversion, and abuse and make  
13 periodic reports to disciplinary boards of licensed health care  
14 practitioners and education, treatment, and appropriate law  
15 enforcement agencies regarding these trends;

16 (13) Enter into written agreements with all other state and  
17 federal agencies with any responsibility for controlling drug misuse,  
18 diversion, or abuse and with health maintenance organizations, health  
19 care service contractors, and health care providers to assist and  
20 promote coordination of agencies responsible for ensuring compliance  
21 with controlled substances laws and to monitor observance of these  
22 laws and cooperation between these agencies. The department of social  
23 and health services, the department of labor and industries, and any  
24 other state agency including licensure disciplinary boards, shall  
25 refer all apparent instances of over-prescribing by practitioners and  
26 all apparent instances of legend drug overuse to the department. The  
27 department shall also encourage such referral by health maintenance  
28 organizations, health service contractors, and health care providers.

29 **Sec. 16.** RCW 18.64.310 and 2013 c 19 s 21 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 The department shall:

32 (1) Establish reasonable license and examination fees and fees  
33 for services to other agencies in accordance with RCW 43.70.250 and  
34 43.70.280. In cases where there are unanticipated demands for  
35 services, the department may request payment for services directly  
36 from the agencies for whom the services are performed, to the extent  
37 that revenues or other funds are available. Drug-related  
38 investigations regarding licensed health care practitioners shall be  
39 funded by an appropriation to the department from the health

1 professions account. The payment may be made on either an advance or  
2 a reimbursable basis as approved by the director of financial  
3 management;

4 (2) Employ, with confirmation by the commission, an executive  
5 officer, who shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 41.06 RCW  
6 and who shall (~~be a pharmacist licensed in Washington, and~~) employ  
7 inspectors, investigators, chemists, and other persons as necessary  
8 to assist it for any purpose which it may deem necessary;

9 (3) Investigate and prosecute, at the direction of the  
10 commission, including use of subpoena powers, violations of law or  
11 regulations under its jurisdiction or the jurisdiction of the  
12 commission;

13 (4) Make, at the direction of the commission, inspections and  
14 investigations of pharmacies and other places, including dispensing  
15 machines, in which drugs or devices are stored, held, compounded,  
16 dispensed, sold, or administered to the ultimate consumer, to take  
17 and analyze any drugs or devices and to seize and condemn any drugs  
18 or devices which are adulterated, misbranded, stored, held,  
19 dispensed, distributed, administered, or compounded in violation of  
20 or contrary to law. The written operating agreement between the  
21 department and the commission, as required by RCW 43.70.240 shall  
22 include provisions for the department to involve the commission in  
23 carrying out its duties required by this section.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 17.** A new section is added to chapter 18.64  
25 RCW to read as follows:

26 The commission may appoint members of panels of at least three  
27 members. A quorum for transaction of any business by a panel is a  
28 minimum of three members. A majority vote of a quorum of the panel is  
29 required to transact business delegated to it by the commission  
30 including, but not limited to, licensing, disciplinary, and  
31 adjudicative actions.

32 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 18.** A new section is added to chapter 18.59  
33 RCW to read as follows:

34 Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with  
35 RCW 43.03.265. Members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
36 incurred in the actual performance of their duties, as provided in  
37 RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The board is designated as a class five  
38 group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW.

1       **Sec. 19.** RCW 18.59.120 and 2011 c 336 s 492 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       (1) There is established a board of occupational therapy  
4 practice. The board shall consist of five members appointed by the  
5 governor, who may consider the persons who are recommended for  
6 appointment by occupational therapy associations of the state. The  
7 members of the board shall be residents of the state. Four of the  
8 members shall have been engaged in rendering services to the public,  
9 teaching, or research in occupational therapy for at least five years  
10 immediately preceding their appointment. Three of these four board  
11 members shall be occupational therapists who shall at all times be  
12 holders of licenses for the practice of occupational therapy in the  
13 state, ~~((except for the initial members of the board,))~~ all of whom  
14 shall fulfill the requirements for licensure under this chapter. At  
15 least one member of the board shall be an occupational therapy  
16 assistant licensed to assist in the practice of occupational therapy,  
17 except for the initial member appointed to this position, who shall  
18 fulfill the requirements for licensure as a occupational therapy  
19 assistant under this chapter. The remaining member of the board shall  
20 be a member of the public with an interest in the rights of consumers  
21 of health services.

22       (2) ~~((The governor shall, within sixty days after June 7, 1984,~~  
23 ~~appoint one member for a term of one year, two members for a term of~~  
24 ~~two years, and two members for a term of three years.))~~ Appointments  
25 ~~((made thereafter))~~ shall be for three-year terms, but no person  
26 shall be appointed to serve more than two consecutive full terms.  
27 Terms shall begin on the first day of the calendar year and end on  
28 the last day of the calendar year or until successors are appointed,  
29 except for the initial appointed members, who shall serve through the  
30 last calendar day of the year in which they are appointed before  
31 commencing the terms prescribed by this section. The governor shall  
32 make appointments for vacancies in unexpired terms within ninety days  
33 after the vacancies occur.

34       (3) The board shall meet during the first month of each calendar  
35 year to select a chair and for other purposes. At least one  
36 additional meeting shall be held before the end of each calendar  
37 year. Further meetings may be convened at the call of the chair or  
38 the written request of any two board members. ~~((A majority of members~~  
39 ~~of the board constitutes a quorum for all purposes.))~~ A majority of  
40 the board members appointed and serving constitutes a quorum for the

1 transaction of board business. The affirmative vote of a majority of  
2 a quorum of the board is required to carry a motion or resolution, to  
3 adopt a rule, or to pass a measure. All meetings of the board shall  
4 be open to the public, except that the board may hold closed sessions  
5 to prepare, approve, grade, or administer examinations or, upon  
6 request of an applicant who fails an examination, to prepare a  
7 response indicating the reasons for the applicant's failure.

8 ~~((4) Members of the board shall receive compensation in the~~  
9 ~~amount of fifty dollars for each day's attendance at proper meetings~~  
10 ~~of the committee.))~~

11 **Sec. 20.** RCW 18.30.050 and 2002 c 160 s 4 are each amended to  
12 read as follows:

13 (1) The Washington state board of denturists is created. The  
14 board shall consist of seven members appointed by the secretary as  
15 follows:

16 (a) Four members of the board must be denturists licensed under  
17 this chapter, except initial appointees, who must have five years'  
18 experience in the field of denturism or a related field.

19 (b) Two members shall be selected from persons who are not  
20 affiliated with any health care profession or facility, at least one  
21 of whom must be over sixty-five years of age representing the  
22 elderly.

23 (c) One member must be a dentist licensed in the state of  
24 Washington.

25 (2) The members of the board shall serve for terms of three  
26 years. ~~((The terms of the initial members shall be staggered, with~~  
27 ~~the members appointed under subsection (1)(a) of this section serving~~  
28 ~~two-year and three-year terms initially and the members appointed~~  
29 ~~under subsection (1)(b) and (c) of this section serving one-year,~~  
30 ~~two-year, and three-year terms initially. Vacancies shall be filled~~  
31 ~~in the same manner as the original appointments are made.))~~  
32 Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the remainder of the  
33 unexpired term of the vacant position.

34 (3) No appointee may serve more than two consecutive terms.

35 (4) Members of the board shall be reimbursed for travel expenses  
36 under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Each member of the board shall be  
37 compensated in accordance with RCW 43.03.265. The board is designated  
38 as a class five group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW.

1 (5) A member of the board may be removed for just cause by the  
2 secretary.

3 **Sec. 21.** RCW 18.30.060 and 1995 c 1 s 7 are each amended to read  
4 as follows:

5 (1) The board shall elect a chairperson of the board annually.  
6 The same person may not hold the office of chairperson for more than  
7 three years in succession.

8 (2) (~~A majority of the board constitutes a quorum for all~~  
9 ~~purposes, and a majority vote of the members voting governs the~~  
10 ~~decisions of the board.~~) A majority of the board members appointed  
11 and serving constitutes a quorum for the transaction of board  
12 business. The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the board  
13 is required to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to  
14 pass a measure.

15 **Sec. 22.** RCW 18.36A.150 and 2011 c 41 s 1 are each amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 (1) There is created the board of naturopathy consisting of seven  
18 members appointed by the governor to four-year terms. Five members of  
19 the board shall be persons licensed under this chapter and two shall  
20 be members of the public. No member may serve more than two  
21 consecutive full terms. Members hold office until their successors  
22 are appointed. (~~The governor may appoint the initial members of the~~  
23 ~~board to staggered terms from one to four years. Thereafter, all~~)  
24 All members shall be appointed to full four-year terms.

25 (2) The public members of the board may not be a member of any  
26 other health care licensing board or commission, have a fiduciary  
27 obligation to a facility rendering services regulated under this  
28 chapter, or have a material or financial interest in the rendering of  
29 services regulated under this chapter.

30 (3) The board shall elect officers each year. The board shall  
31 meet at least twice each year and may hold additional meetings as  
32 called by the chair. Meetings of the board are open to the public,  
33 except that the board may hold executive sessions to the extent  
34 permitted by chapter 42.30 RCW. The department shall provide  
35 secretarial, clerical, and other assistance as required by the board.

36 (4) Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance  
37 with RCW (~~43.03.240~~) 43.03.265. Members shall be reimbursed for  
38 travel expenses incurred in the actual performance of their duties,

1 as provided in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The board is designated  
2 as a class five group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW.

3 (5) A majority of the board members appointed and serving  
4 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of board business. The  
5 affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the board is required  
6 to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass a  
7 measure.

8 (6) The board may appoint members to panels of at least three  
9 members. A quorum for transaction of any business by a panel is a  
10 minimum of three members. A majority vote of a quorum of the panel is  
11 required to transact business delegated to it by the board.

12 (7) The board may adopt such rules as are consistent with this  
13 chapter as may be deemed necessary and proper to carry out the  
14 purposes of this chapter.

15 (8) The governor may remove a member of the board for neglect of  
16 duty, misconduct, or malfeasance or misfeasance in office. Whenever  
17 the governor is satisfied that a member of the board has been guilty  
18 of neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance or misfeasance in  
19 office, he or she shall file with the secretary of state a statement  
20 of the cause for and the order of removal from office, and the  
21 secretary shall immediately send a certified copy of the order of  
22 removal and statement of causes by certified mail to the last known  
23 post office address of the member. If a vacancy occurs on the board,  
24 the governor shall appoint a replacement to fill the remainder of the  
25 unexpired term.

26 **Sec. 23.** RCW 18.54.030 and 2011 c 336 s 489 are each amended to  
27 read as follows:

28 The initial composition of the optometry board includes the three  
29 members of the examining committee for optometry plus two more  
30 optometrists to be appointed by the governor.

31 The governor must make all appointments to the optometry board.  
32 Only optometrists who are (~~citizens of the United States,~~)  
33 residents of this state, having been licensed to practice and  
34 practicing optometry in this state for a period of at least four  
35 years immediately preceding the effective date of appointment, and  
36 who have no connection (~~with any school or college embracing the~~  
37 ~~teaching of optometry or~~) with any optical supply business may be  
38 appointed.

1       (~~The governor may set the terms of office of the initial board~~  
2 ~~at his or her discretion, to establish the following perpetual~~  
3 ~~succession: The terms of the initial board include one position for~~  
4 ~~one year, two for two years, and two for three years; and upon the~~  
5 ~~expiration of the terms of the initial board, all~~) All appointments  
6 are for three years.

7       In addition to the members specified in this section, the  
8 governor shall appoint a consumer member of the board, who shall  
9 serve for a term of three years.

10       In the event that a vacancy occurs on the board in the middle of  
11 an appointee's term, the governor must appoint a successor for the  
12 unexpired portion of the term only.

13       **Sec. 24.** RCW 18.54.060 and 1963 c 25 s 6 are each amended to  
14 read as follows:

15       (~~Three members constitute a quorum for the transaction of~~  
16 ~~business of the board~~) A majority of the board members appointed and  
17 serving constitutes a quorum for the transaction of board business.  
18 The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the board is  
19 required to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass  
20 a measure.

21       **Sec. 25.** RCW 18.54.130 and 1984 c 287 s 41 are each amended to  
22 read as follows:

23       Members of the board are entitled to receive their travel  
24 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Each member  
25 of the board will also be compensated in accordance with RCW  
26 (~~43.03.240~~) 43.03.265. The board is designated as a class five  
27 group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW.

28       **Sec. 26.** RCW 18.35.150 and 2014 c 189 s 12 are each amended to  
29 read as follows:

30       (1) There is created hereby the board of hearing and speech to  
31 govern the three separate professions: Hearing aid specialist,  
32 audiology, and speech-language pathology. The board shall consist of  
33 eleven members to be appointed by the governor.

34       (2) Members of the board shall be residents of this state. Three  
35 members shall represent the public and shall have an interest in the  
36 rights of consumers of health services, and shall not be or have been  
37 a member of, or married to a member of, another licensing board, a

1 licensee of a health occupation board, an employee of a health  
2 facility, nor derive his or her primary livelihood from the provision  
3 of health services at any level of responsibility. Two members shall  
4 be hearing aid specialists who are licensed under this chapter, have  
5 at least five years of experience in the practice of hearing  
6 instrument fitting and dispensing, and must be actively engaged in  
7 fitting and dispensing within two years of appointment. Two members  
8 of the board shall be audiologists licensed under this chapter who  
9 have at least five years of experience in the practice of audiology  
10 and must be actively engaged in practice within two years of  
11 appointment. Two members of the board shall be speech-language  
12 pathologists licensed under this chapter who have at least five years  
13 of experience in the practice of speech-language pathology and must  
14 be actively engaged in practice within two years of appointment. One  
15 advisory nonvoting member shall be a speech-language pathology  
16 assistant certified in Washington. One advisory nonvoting member  
17 shall be a medical physician licensed in the state of Washington.

18 (3) The term of office of a member is three years. (~~Of the~~  
19 ~~initial appointments, one hearing aid specialist, one speech-language~~  
20 ~~pathologist, one audiologist, and one consumer shall be appointed for~~  
21 ~~a term of two years, and one hearing aid specialist, one speech-~~  
22 ~~language pathologist, one audiologist, and two consumers shall be~~  
23 ~~appointed for a term of three years. Thereafter, all appointments~~  
24 ~~shall be made for expired terms.)) No member shall be appointed to  
25 serve more than two consecutive terms. A member shall continue to  
26 serve until a successor has been appointed. The governor shall either  
27 reappoint the member or appoint a successor to assume the member's  
28 duties at the expiration of his or her predecessor's term. A vacancy  
29 in the office of a member shall be filled by appointment for the  
30 unexpired term.~~

31 (4) The chair shall rotate annually among the hearing aid  
32 specialists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and public  
33 members serving on the board. In the absence of the chair, the board  
34 shall appoint an interim chair. In event of a tie vote, the issue  
35 shall be brought to a second vote and the chair shall refrain from  
36 voting.

37 (5) The board shall meet at least once each year, at a place, day  
38 and hour determined by the board, unless otherwise directed by a  
39 majority of board members. The board shall also meet at such other  
40 times and places as are requested by the department or by three

1 members of the board. (~~A quorum is a majority of the board. A~~  
2 ~~hearing aid specialist, speech language pathologist, and audiologist~~  
3 ~~must be represented.~~) A majority of the board members appointed and  
4 serving constitutes a quorum for the transaction of board business.  
5 The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the board is  
6 required to carry a motion or resolution, to adopt a rule, or to pass  
7 a measure. Meetings of the board shall be open and public, except the  
8 board may hold executive sessions to the extent permitted by chapter  
9 42.30 RCW.

10 (6) Members of the board shall be compensated in accordance with  
11 RCW (~~43.03.240~~) 43.03.265 and shall be reimbursed for their travel  
12 expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The board is  
13 designated as a class five group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW.

14 (7) The governor may remove a member of the board for cause at  
15 the recommendation of a majority of the board.

16 **Sec. 27.** RCW 18.57.003 and 2017 c 101 s 1 are each amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 There is hereby created an agency of the state of Washington,  
19 consisting of eleven individuals appointed by the governor to be  
20 known as the Washington state board of osteopathic medicine and  
21 surgery.

22 On expiration of the term of any member, the governor shall  
23 appoint for a period of five years a qualified individual to take the  
24 place of such member. Each member shall hold office until the  
25 expiration of the term for which such member is appointed or until a  
26 successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified. Initial  
27 appointments shall be made and vacancies in the membership of the  
28 board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the  
29 governor.

30 Each member of the board shall be (~~a citizen of the United~~  
31 ~~States and must be~~) an actual resident of this state. Two members  
32 must be consumers who have neither a financial nor a fiduciary  
33 relationship to a health care delivery system, one member must have  
34 been in active practice as a licensed osteopathic physician assistant  
35 in this state for at least five years immediately preceding  
36 appointment, and every other member must have been in active practice  
37 as a licensed osteopathic physician and surgeon in this state for at  
38 least five years immediately preceding appointment.

1 The board shall elect a chairperson(~~(, a secretary,)~~) and a vice  
2 chairperson from its members. Meetings of the board shall be held at  
3 least four times a year and at such place as the board shall  
4 determine and at such other times and places as the board deems  
5 necessary.

6 ~~((An affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members present  
7 at a meeting or hearing shall be required for the board to take any  
8 official action. The board may not take any action without a quorum  
9 of the board members present. A simple majority of the board members  
10 currently serving constitutes a quorum of the board.))~~ A majority of  
11 the board members appointed and serving constitutes a quorum for the  
12 transaction of board business. The affirmative vote of a majority of  
13 a quorum of the board is required to carry a motion or resolution, to  
14 adopt a rule, or to pass a measure.

15 Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with  
16 RCW 43.03.265 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
17 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The board is a class  
18 five group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW.

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

23 **Sec. 28.** RCW 18.57.003 and 2020 c 80 s 14 are each amended to  
24 read as follows:

25 There is hereby created an agency of the state of Washington,  
26 consisting of eleven individuals appointed by the governor to be  
27 known as the Washington state board of osteopathic medicine and  
28 surgery.

29 On expiration of the term of any member, the governor shall  
30 appoint for a period of five years a qualified individual to take the  
31 place of such member. Each member shall hold office until the  
32 expiration of the term for which such member is appointed or until a  
33 successor shall have been appointed and shall have qualified. Initial  
34 appointments shall be made and vacancies in the membership of the  
35 board shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the  
36 governor.

37 Each member of the board shall be ~~((a citizen of the United  
38 States and must be))~~ an actual resident of this state. Two members  
39 must be consumers who have neither a financial nor a fiduciary

1 relationship to a health care delivery system, and every other member  
2 must have been in active practice as a licensed osteopathic physician  
3 and surgeon in this state for at least five years immediately  
4 preceding appointment.

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

10 ~~((An affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members present  
11 at a meeting or hearing shall be required for the board to take any  
12 official action. The board may not take any action without a quorum  
13 of the board members present. A simple majority of the board members  
14 currently serving constitutes a quorum of the board.))~~ A majority of  
15 the board members appointed and serving constitutes a quorum for the  
16 transaction of board business. The affirmative vote of a majority of  
17 a quorum of the board is required to carry a motion or resolution, to  
18 adopt a rule, or to pass a measure.

19 Each member of the board shall be compensated in accordance with  
20 RCW 43.03.265 and shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in  
21 accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The board is a class  
22 five group for purposes of chapter 43.03 RCW.

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

27 **Sec. 29.** RCW 18.22.014 and 2020 c 248 s 2 are each amended to  
28 read as follows:

29 The board shall meet at the places and times it determines and as  
30 often as necessary to discharge its duties. The board shall elect a  
31 chairperson(~~((,))~~) and a vice chairperson(~~((, and secretary))~~) from among  
32 its members. Members must be compensated in accordance with RCW  
33 43.03.265 in addition to travel expenses provided by RCW 43.03.050  
34 and 43.03.060. The board is a class five group for purposes of  
35 chapter 43.03 RCW. ~~((A simple majority of the board members currently  
36 serving constitutes a quorum of the board.))~~ A majority of the board  
37 members appointed and serving constitutes a quorum for the  
38 transaction of board business. The affirmative vote of a majority of

1 a quorum of the board is required to carry a motion or resolution, to  
2 adopt a rule, or to pass a measure.

3 **Sec. 30.** RCW 18.200.060 and 1997 c 285 s 7 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The secretary has the authority to appoint an advisory  
6 committee to further the purposes of this chapter. The secretary may  
7 consider the persons who are recommended for appointment by the  
8 orthotic and prosthetic associations of the state. The committee is  
9 composed of five members, one member initially appointed for a term  
10 of one year, two for a term of two years, and two for a term of three  
11 years. Subsequent appointments are for terms of three years. No  
12 person may serve as a member of the committee for more than two  
13 consecutive terms. Members of the advisory committee must be  
14 residents of this state (~~and citizens of the United States~~). The  
15 committee is composed of three individuals licensed in the category  
16 designated and engaged in rendering services to the public. Two  
17 members must at all times be holders of licenses for the practice of  
18 either prosthetics or orthotics, or both, in this state, except for  
19 the initial members of the advisory committee, all of whom must  
20 fulfill the requirements for licensure under this chapter. One member  
21 must be a practicing orthotist. One member must be a practicing  
22 prosthetist. One member must be licensed by the state as a physician  
23 licensed under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW, specializing in orthopedic  
24 medicine or surgery or physiatry. Two members must represent the  
25 public at large and be unaffiliated directly or indirectly with the  
26 profession being credentialed but, to the extent possible, be  
27 consumers of orthotic and prosthetic services. The two members  
28 appointed to the advisory committee representing the public at large  
29 must have an interest in the rights of consumers of health services  
30 and must not be or have been a licensee of a health occupation  
31 committee or an employee of a health facility, nor derive his or her  
32 primary livelihood from the provision of health services at any level  
33 of responsibility.

34 (2) The secretary may remove any member of the advisory committee  
35 for cause as specified by rule. In the case of a vacancy, the  
36 secretary shall appoint a person to serve for the remainder of the  
37 unexpired term.

1 (3) The advisory committee may provide advice on matters  
2 specifically identified and requested by the secretary, such as  
3 applications for licenses.

4 (4) The advisory committee may be requested by the secretary to  
5 approve an examination required for licensure under this chapter.

6 (5) The advisory committee may be requested by the secretary to  
7 review and monitor the exemptions to requirements of certain orthoses  
8 and prostheses in this chapter and recommend to the secretary any  
9 statutory changes that may be needed to properly protect the public.

10 (6) The advisory committee, at the request of the secretary, may  
11 recommend rules in accordance with the administrative procedure act,  
12 chapter 34.05 RCW, relating to standards for appropriateness of  
13 orthotic and prosthetic care.

14 (7) The advisory committee shall meet at the times and places  
15 designated by the secretary and hold meetings during the year as  
16 necessary to provide advice to the secretary. The committee may elect  
17 a chair and a vice chair. A majority of the members currently serving  
18 constitute a quorum.

19 (8) Each member of an advisory committee shall be reimbursed for  
20 travel expenses as authorized in RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. In  
21 addition, members of the committees shall be compensated in  
22 accordance with RCW 43.03.240 when engaged in the authorized business  
23 of their committees.

24 (9) The secretary, members of advisory committees, or individuals  
25 acting on their behalf are immune from suit in any action, civil or  
26 criminal, based on any credentialing or disciplinary proceedings or  
27 other official acts performed in the course of their duties.

28 **Sec. 31.** RCW 18.25.0165 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 106 are each  
29 amended to read as follows:

30 Members must be (~~citizens of the United States and~~) residents  
31 of this state. Members must be licensed chiropractors for a period of  
32 five years before appointment. Public members of the commission may  
33 not be a member of any other health care licensing board or  
34 commission, or have a fiduciary obligation to a facility rendering  
35 health services regulated by the commission, or have a material or  
36 financial interest in the rendering of health services regulated by  
37 the commission.

1           **Sec. 32.** RCW 18.79.070 and 2005 c 17 s 1 are each amended to  
2 read as follows:

3           (1) The state nursing care quality assurance commission is  
4 established, consisting of fifteen members to be appointed by the  
5 governor to four-year terms. The governor shall consider nursing  
6 members who are recommended for appointment by the appropriate  
7 professional associations in the state. No person may serve as a  
8 member of the commission for more than two consecutive full terms.

9           (2) There must be seven registered nurse members, two advanced  
10 registered nurse practitioner members, three licensed practical nurse  
11 members, and three public members on the commission. Each member of  
12 the commission must be a (~~citizen of the United States and a~~)  
13 resident of this state.

14           (3) (a) Registered nurse members of the commission must:

15           (i) Be licensed as registered nurses under this chapter; and

16           (ii) Have had at least three years' experience in the active  
17 practice of nursing and have been engaged in that practice within two  
18 years of appointment.

19           (b) In addition:

20           (i) At least one member must be on the faculty at a four-year  
21 university nursing program;

22           (ii) At least one member must be on the faculty at a two-year  
23 community college nursing program;

24           (iii) At least two members must be staff nurses providing direct  
25 patient care; and

26           (iv) At least one member must be a nurse manager or a nurse  
27 executive.

28           (4) Advanced registered nurse practitioner members of the  
29 commission must:

30           (a) Be licensed as advanced registered nurse practitioners under  
31 this chapter; and

32           (b) Have had at least three years' experience in the active  
33 practice of advanced registered nursing and have been engaged in that  
34 practice within two years of appointment.

35           (5) Licensed practical nurse members of the commission must:

36           (a) Be licensed as licensed practical nurses under this chapter;  
37 and

38           (b) Have had at least three years' actual experience as a  
39 licensed practical nurse and have been engaged in practice as a  
40 practical nurse within two years of appointment.

1 (6) Public members of the commission may not be a member of any  
2 other health care licensing board or commission, or have a fiduciary  
3 obligation to a facility rendering health services regulated by the  
4 commission, or have a material or financial interest in the rendering  
5 of health services regulated by the commission.

6 In appointing the initial members of the commission, it is the  
7 intent of the legislature that, to the extent possible, the governor  
8 appoint the existing members of the board of nursing and the board of  
9 practical nursing repealed under chapter 9, Laws of 1994 sp. sess.  
10 The governor may appoint initial members of the commission to  
11 staggered terms of from one to four years. Thereafter, all members  
12 shall be appointed to full four-year terms. Members of the commission  
13 hold office until their successors are appointed.

14 When the secretary appoints pro tem members, reasonable efforts  
15 shall be made to ensure that at least one pro tem member is a  
16 registered nurse who is currently practicing and, in addition to  
17 meeting other minimum qualifications, has graduated from an associate  
18 or baccalaureate nursing program within three years of appointment.

19 **Sec. 33.** RCW 18.79.140 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 414 are each amended  
20 to read as follows:

21 The executive director must be a graduate of (~~(an approved~~  
22 ~~nursing education program and of)) a college or university, with a  
23 masters' degree (~~(, and currently licensed as a registered nurse under~~  
24 ~~this chapter; have a minimum of eight years' experience in nursing in~~  
25 ~~any combination of administration and nursing education; and have~~  
26 ~~been actively engaged in the practice of registered nursing or~~  
27 ~~nursing education within two years immediately before the time of~~  
28 ~~appointment))).~~~~

29 **Sec. 34.** RCW 18.71.015 and 2019 c 55 s 4 are each amended to  
30 read as follows:

31 The Washington medical commission is established, consisting of  
32 thirteen individuals licensed to practice medicine in the state of  
33 Washington under this chapter, two individuals who are licensed in  
34 the state of Washington as physician assistants under chapter 18.71A  
35 RCW, and six individuals who are members of the public. At least two  
36 of the public members shall not be from the health care industry.  
37 Each congressional district now existing or hereafter created in the  
38 state must be represented by at least one physician member of the

1 commission. The terms of office of members of the commission are not  
2 affected by changes in congressional district boundaries. Public  
3 members of the commission may not be a member of any other health  
4 care licensing board or commission, or have a fiduciary obligation to  
5 a facility rendering health services regulated by the commission, or  
6 have a material or financial interest in the rendering of health  
7 services regulated by the commission.

8 The members of the commission shall be appointed by the  
9 governor(~~(. Members of the initial commission may be appointed to~~  
10 ~~staggered terms of one to four years)~~), and ((thereafter)) all terms  
11 of appointment shall be for four years. The governor shall consider  
12 such physician and physician assistant members who are recommended  
13 for appointment by the appropriate professional associations in the  
14 state. (~~(In appointing the initial members of the commission, it is~~  
15 ~~the intent of the legislature that, to the extent possible, the~~  
16 ~~existing members of the board of medical examiners and medical~~  
17 ~~disciplinary board repealed under section 336, chapter 9, Laws of~~  
18 ~~1994 sp. sess. be appointed to the commission.)~~) No member may serve  
19 more than two consecutive full terms. Each member shall hold office  
20 until a successor is appointed.

21 Each member of the commission must be (~~(a citizen of the United~~  
22 ~~States, must be)~~) an actual resident of this state, and, if a  
23 physician or physician assistant, must have been licensed to practice  
24 medicine in this state for at least five years.

25 The commission shall meet as soon as practicable after  
26 appointment and elect officers each year. Meetings shall be held at  
27 least four times a year and at such place as the commission  
28 determines and at such other times and places as the commission deems  
29 necessary. A majority of the commission members appointed and serving  
30 constitutes a quorum for the transaction of commission business.

31 The affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the commission  
32 is required to carry any motion or resolution, to adopt any rule, or  
33 to pass any measure. The commission may appoint panels consisting of  
34 at least three members. A quorum for the transaction of any business  
35 by a panel is a minimum of three members. A majority vote of a quorum  
36 of the panel is required to transact business delegated to it by the  
37 commission.

38 Each member of the commission shall be compensated in accordance  
39 with RCW 43.03.265 and in addition thereto shall be reimbursed for  
40 travel expenses incurred in carrying out the duties of the commission

1 in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. Any such expenses  
2 shall be paid from funds appropriated to the department of health.

3 Whenever the governor is satisfied that a member of a commission  
4 has been guilty of neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance or  
5 misfeasance in office, the governor shall file with the secretary of  
6 state a statement of the causes for and the order of removal from  
7 office, and the secretary shall forthwith send a certified copy of  
8 the statement of causes and order of removal to the last known post  
9 office address of the member.

10 Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled for  
11 the unexpired term by appointment by the governor.

12 The members of the commission are immune from suit in an action,  
13 civil or criminal, based on its disciplinary proceedings or other  
14 official acts performed in good faith as members of the commission.

15 Whenever the workload of the commission requires, the commission  
16 may request that the secretary appoint pro tempore members of the  
17 commission. When serving, pro tempore members of the commission have  
18 all of the powers, duties, and immunities, and are entitled to all of  
19 the emoluments, including travel expenses, of regularly appointed  
20 members of the commission.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 35.** Section 27 of this act expires July 1,  
22 2022.

23 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 36.** Section 28 of this act takes effect July  
24 1, 2022."

25 Correct the title.

EFFECT: Removes the requirement that the executive officer of the  
Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission must be a pharmacist licensed  
in Washington. Removes the requirement that the executive director of  
the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission must have graduated  
from an approved nursing education program, be currently licensed as  
a registered nurse, have a minimum of eight years' experience in  
nursing, and have actively engaged in the practice of registered  
nursing or nursing education within the two years immediately before  
the time of appointment.

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