

CHAPTER 214

EXAMINING AND LICENSING BOARDS

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214.01 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subs 1 and 1a, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 2. **Health-related licensing board.** "Health-related licensing board" means the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators established pursuant to section 144A.19, the Office of Unlicensed Complementary and Alternative Health Care Practice established pursuant to section 146A.02, the Board of Medical Practice created pursuant to section 147.01, the Board of Nursing created pursuant to section 148.181, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners established pursuant to section 148.02, the Board of Optometry established pursuant to section 148.52, the Board of Physical Therapy established pursuant to section 148.67, the Board of Psychology established pursuant to section 148.90, the Board of Social Work pursuant to section 148B.19, the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy pursuant to section 148B.30, the Office of Mental Health Practice established pursuant to section 148B.61, the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy established by section 148B.51, the Alcohol and Drug Counselors Licensing Advisory Council established pursuant to section 148C.02, the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition Practice established under section 148.622, the Board of Dentistry established pursuant to section 150A.02, the Board of Pharmacy established pursuant to section 151.02, the Board of Podiatric Medicine established pursuant to section 153.02, and the Board of Veterinary Medicine, established pursuant to section 156.01.

[For text of subd 3, see M.S.2002]

History: 2003 c 118 s 19

214.04 SERVICES.

Subdivision 1. **Services provided.** The commissioner of administration with respect to the Board of Electricity, the commissioner of education with respect to the Board of Teaching, the commissioner of public safety with respect to the Board of Private Detective and Protective Agent Services, and the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training, and the commissioner of revenue with respect to the Board of Assessors, shall provide suitable offices and other space, joint conference and hearing facilities, examination rooms, and the following administrative support services: purchasing service, accounting service, advisory personnel services, consulting services relating to evaluation procedures and techniques, data processing, duplicating, mailing services, automated printing of license renewals, and such other similar services of a housekeeping nature as are generally available to other agencies of state government. Investigative services shall be provided the boards by employees of the Office of Attorney General. The commissioner of health with respect to the health-related licensing boards shall provide mailing and office supply services and may provide other facilities and services listed in this subdivision at a central location upon request of the health-related licensing boards. The commissioner of commerce with respect to the remaining non-health-related licensing boards shall provide the above facilities and services at a central location for the remaining non-health-related licensing boards. The legal and investigative services for the boards shall be provided by employees of the attorney general assigned to the departments servicing the boards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the attorney general shall not be precluded by this section from assigning other attorneys to service a board if necessary in order to insure competent and consistent

legal representation. Persons providing legal and investigative services shall to the extent practicable provide the services on a regular basis to the same board or boards.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 3. **Officers; staff.** The executive director of each health-related board and the executive secretary of each non-health-related board shall be the chief administrative officer for the board but shall not be a member of the board. The executive director or executive secretary shall maintain the records of the board, account for all fees received by it, supervise and direct employees servicing the board, and perform other services as directed by the board. The executive directors, executive secretaries, and other employees of the following boards shall be hired by the board, and the executive directors or executive secretaries shall be in the unclassified civil service, except as provided in this subdivision:

- (1) Dentistry;
- (2) Medical Practice;
- (3) Nursing;
- (4) Pharmacy;
- (5) Accountancy;
- (6) Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design;
- (7) Barber Examiners;
- (8) Cosmetology;
- (9) Electricity;
- (10) Teaching;
- (11) Peace Officer Standards and Training;
- (12) Social Work;
- (13) Marriage and Family Therapy;
- (14) Dietetics and Nutrition Practice; and
- (15) Licensed Professional Counseling.

The executive directors or executive secretaries serving the boards are hired by those boards and are in the unclassified civil service, except for part-time executive directors or executive secretaries, who are not required to be in the unclassified service. Boards not requiring full-time executive directors or executive secretaries may employ them on a part-time basis. To the extent practicable, the sharing of part-time executive directors or executive secretaries by boards being serviced by the same department is encouraged. Persons providing services to those boards not listed in this subdivision, except executive directors or executive secretaries of the boards and employees of the attorney general, are classified civil service employees of the department servicing the board. To the extent practicable, the commissioner shall ensure that staff services are shared by the boards being serviced by the department. If necessary, a board may hire part-time, temporary employees to administer and grade examinations.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.2002]

History: 2003 c 118 s 20; 2003 c 130 s 12

214.10 COMPLAINT, INVESTIGATION, AND HEARING.

[For text of subs 1 to 8, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 9. **Acts against minors.** (a) As used in this subdivision, the following terms have the meanings given them.

(1) "Licensed person" means a person who is licensed under this chapter by the Board of Nursing, the Board of Psychology, the Social Work Licensing Board, the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy, the Board of Unlicensed Mental Health

Service Providers, the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy, or the Board of Teaching.

(2) "Crime against a minor" means conduct that constitutes a violation of section 609.185, 609.19, 609.195, 609.20, 609.205, 609.21, 609.215, 609.221, 609.222, 609.223, 609.342, 609.343, 609.345, or a felony violation of section 609.377.

(b) In any license revocation proceeding, there is a rebuttable presumption that a licensed person who is convicted in a court of competent jurisdiction of committing a crime against a minor is unfit to practice the profession or occupation for which that person is licensed.

[For text of subs 10 to 13, see M.S.2002]

History: 2003 c 118 s 21

214.104 HEALTH-RELATED LICENSING BOARDS; DETERMINATIONS REGARDING MALTREATMENT.

(a) A health-related licensing board shall make determinations as to whether regulated persons who are under the board's jurisdiction should be the subject of disciplinary or corrective action because of substantiated maltreatment under section 626.556 or 626.557. The board shall make a determination upon receipt, and after the review, of an investigation memorandum or other notice of substantiated maltreatment under section 626.556 or 626.557, or of a notice from the commissioner of human services that a background study of a regulated person shows substantiated maltreatment.

(b) Upon completion of its review of a report of substantiated maltreatment, the board shall notify the commissioner of human services of its determination. The board shall notify the commissioner of human services if, following a review of the report of substantiated maltreatment, the board determines that it does not have jurisdiction in the matter and the commissioner shall make the appropriate disqualification decision regarding the regulated person as otherwise provided in chapter 245C. The board shall also notify the commissioner of health or the commissioner of human services immediately upon receipt of knowledge of a facility or program allowing a regulated person to provide direct contact services at the facility or program while not complying with requirements placed on the regulated person.

(c) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the board may, through its designated board member, temporarily suspend the license of a licensee; deny a credential to an applicant; or require the regulated person to be continuously supervised, if the board finds there is probable cause to believe the regulated person referred to the board according to paragraph (a) poses an immediate risk of harm to vulnerable persons. The board shall consider all relevant information available, which may include but is not limited to:

- (1) the extent the action is needed to protect persons receiving services or the public;
- (2) the recency of the maltreatment;
- (3) the number of incidents of maltreatment;
- (4) the intrusiveness or violence of the maltreatment; and
- (5) the vulnerability of the victim of maltreatment.

The action shall take effect upon written notice to the regulated person, served by certified mail, specifying the statute violated. The board shall notify the commissioner of health or the commissioner of human services of the suspension or denial of a credential. The action shall remain in effect until the board issues a temporary stay or a final order in the matter after a hearing or upon agreement between the board and the regulated person. At the time the board issues the notice, the regulated person shall inform the board of all settings in which the regulated person is employed or practices. The board shall inform all known employment and practice settings of the board action and schedule a disciplinary hearing to be held under chapter 14. The board shall

provide the regulated person with at least 30 days' notice of the hearing, unless the parties agree to a hearing date that provides less than 30 days' notice, and shall schedule the hearing to begin no later than 90 days after issuance of the notice of hearing.

History: 2003 c 15 art 1 s 33

214.13 HUMAN SERVICES OCCUPATIONS.

Subdivision 1. Application for credential. The commissioner of health shall promote the recognition of human services occupations useful in the effective delivery of human services. The commissioner shall coordinate the development of a credentials policy among the health-related licensing boards consistent with section 214.001. The commissioner shall, consistent with section 214.001, establish procedures for the identification of human services occupations not now credentialed by the state, recommend appropriate regulatory modes, and promulgate by rule standards and procedures relating to the credentialing of persons practicing in the affected occupations. At the time of submission of a letter of intent to enter the credentialing process, an occupational applicant group shall pay a fee of \$1,000 to the commissioner. The fee is nonrefundable and must be deposited with the commissioner of finance and credited to the general fund. The commissioner may require an occupational applicant group to submit information relating to, and to recommend and justify regulatory modes and standards consistent with, the provisions of section 214.001. If the commissioner determines that credentialing of an occupation is appropriate, the commissioner is empowered only to register the occupation. Before promulgating any rules resulting in registration for an occupation the commissioner shall consult with state boards or agencies charged with regulating similar occupations in order to define the scope and range of practice for the registered occupation and the degree of supervision required. As used in this section, registration is defined as in section 214.001, subdivision 3, clause (c).

[For text of subs 2 to 7, see M.S.2002]

History: 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50

214.32 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT, SERVICES, PARTICIPANT COSTS, ELIGIBILITY, COMPLETIONS, VOLUNTARY TERMINATION AND DISCHARGE.

Subdivision 1. Management. (a) A Health Professionals Services Program Committee is established, consisting of one person appointed by each participating board, with each participating board having one vote. The committee shall designate one board to provide administrative management of the program, set the program budget and the pro rata share of program expenses to be borne by each participating board, provide guidance on the general operation of the program, including hiring of program personnel, and ensure that the program's direction is in accord with its authority. If the participating boards change which board is designated to provide administrative management of the program, any appropriation remaining for the program shall transfer to the newly designated board on the effective date of the change. The participating boards must inform the appropriate legislative committees and the commissioner of finance of any change in the administrative management of the program, and the amount of any appropriation transferred under this provision.

(b) The designated board, upon recommendation of the Health Professional Services Program Committee, shall hire the program manager and employees and pay expenses of the program from funds appropriated for that purpose. The designated board may apply for grants to pay program expenses and may enter into contracts on behalf of the program to carry out the purposes of the program. The participating boards shall enter into written agreements with the designated board.

(c) An advisory committee is established to advise the program committee consisting of:

(1) one member appointed by each of the following: the Minnesota Academy of Physician Assistants, the Minnesota Dental Association, the Minnesota Chiropractic Association, the Minnesota Licensed Practical Nurse Association, the Minnesota Medical Association, the Minnesota Nurses Association, and the Minnesota Podiatric Medicine Association;

(2) one member appointed by each of the professional associations of the other professions regulated by a participating board not specified in clause (1); and

(3) two public members, as defined by section 214.02.

Members of the advisory committee shall be appointed for two years and members may be reappointed.

The advisory committee expires June 30, 2007.

[For text of subds 2 to 5, see M.S.2002]

History: 2003 c 87 s 51