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JAN 27 2016

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-4.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
3 "(a) There is established within the office of the state
4 director of transportation for administrative purposes a medical
5 advisory board consisting of not fewer than five physicians
6 licensed to practice in the State. The members of the board
7 shall be appointed by the governor as provided in section 26-34,
8 except as otherwise provided by this section. The board shall
9 consist of [~~one psychiatrist, one neurologist, one orthopedic~~
10 ~~surgeon, one ophthalmologist or optometrist, and one specialist~~
11 ~~in cardiovascular disease.~~] physicians with an interest in one
12 or more of the following: psychiatry, neurology, orthopedics,
13 ophthalmology or optometry, endocrinology, geriatrics, or
14 addiction medicine. The members of the board shall serve
15 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for expenses,
16 including travel expense, actually incurred in the performance
17 of their duties under this chapter."

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1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: *M.M.M.*

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BY REQUEST

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Report Title:

Medical Advisory Board

Description:

Amends the composition of the medical advisory board.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

PURPOSE: To amend the composition of the Medical Advisory Board.

MEANS: Amend section 286-4.1(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

JUSTIFICATION: Currently, section 286-4.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires the medical advisory board to consist of one psychiatrist, one neurologist, one orthopedic surgeon, one ophthalmologist or optometrist, and one specialist in cardiovascular disease. During a recent recruitment effort, the department found it impossible to enlist the free services of an orthopedic surgeon and a specialist in cardiovascular disease.

This bill proposes to change the description of the composition of the board. We find that having five members is practical and efficient. However, it is recommended that the board consist of physicians with an interest in one or more of the following: psychiatry, neurology, orthopedics, ophthalmology or optometry, endocrinology, geriatrics, or addiction medicine.

Impact on the public: This proposed amendment is intended to ensure that there is always a majority at Medical Advisory Board meetings and that the consciences of the board will be optimally equitable to both the person seeking Medical Advisory Board approval and the rest of the users of public roadways.

Impact on the Department: The amendment is meant to establish a more practical Medical Advisory Board composition so that a quorum of doctors will nearly always exist at the meetings, and that the results of their decisions will be equity for both the person

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being reviewed by the board and the rest of the roadway users.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM
DESIGNATION: TRN 597.

OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: The county driver licensing agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.