

SENATE BILL NO. 2154

Introduced by

Senators J. Lee, Hogue, Warner

Representatives Hogan, Porter, Weisz

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-17-03 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to membership of the state board of medical examiners; and to provide for application.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-17-03 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **43-17-03. State board of medical examiners - How appointed - Qualifications.**

- 7 1. The governor shall appoint a state board of medical examiners consisting of
8 ~~twelvethirteen~~ members, nine of whom are doctors of medicine, one of whom is a
9 doctor of osteopathy, one of whom is a physician assistant, and two of whom are
10 designated as public members. If no osteopathic physician is qualified and willing to
11 serve, any qualified physician may be appointed in place of the osteopathic physician.
- 12 2. Each physician member must:
- 13 a. Be a practicing physician of integrity and ability.
- 14 b. Be a resident of and duly licensed to practice medicine in this state.
- 15 c. Be a graduate of a medical or osteopathic school of high educational
16 requirements and standing.
- 17 d. Have been engaged in the active practice of the physician's profession within this
18 state for a period of at least five years.
- 19 3. Each public member of the board must:
- 20 a. Be a resident of this state.
- 21 b. Be at least twenty-one years of age.
- 22 c. Not be affiliated with any group or profession that provides or regulates health
23 care in any form.
- 24 4. ~~A person~~The physician assistant member of the board must:

- 1 a. Be a practicing physician assistant of integrity and ability.
- 2 b. Be a resident of and be duly licensed to practice as a physician assistant in this
- 3 state.
- 4 c. Have been engaged in the active practice as a physician assistant within this
- 5 state for a period of at least five years.

- 6 5. An individual appointed to the board shall qualify by taking the oath required of civil
- 7 officers.

8 **SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** Under section 1 of this Act, the term of office of the physician
9 assistant appointed August 1, 2011, is a five-year term and is thereafter a four-year term in
10 order to establish a staggered arrangement of board terms in compliance with section 43-17-04.