

# HOUSE BILL No. 4755

May 27, 2003, Introduced by Rep. Vander Veen and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 16221 and 16226 (MCL 333.16221 and 333.16226), section 16221 as amended by 2002 PA 402 and section 16226 as amended by 2002 PA 643, and by adding section 20170.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 16221. The department may investigate activities  
2 related to the practice of a health profession by a licensee, a  
3 registrant, or an applicant for licensure or registration. The  
4 department may hold hearings, administer oaths, and order  
5 relevant testimony to be taken and shall report its findings to  
6 the appropriate disciplinary subcommittee. The disciplinary  
7 subcommittee shall proceed under section 16226 if it finds that 1  
8 or more of the following grounds exist:

9       (a) A violation of general duty, consisting of negligence or

1 failure to exercise due care, including negligent delegation to  
2 or supervision of employees or other individuals, whether or not  
3 injury results, or any conduct, practice, or condition that  
4 impairs, or may impair, the ability to safely and skillfully  
5 practice the health profession.

6 (b) Personal disqualifications, consisting of 1 or more of  
7 the following:

8 (i) Incompetence.

9 (ii) Subject to sections 16165 to 16170a, substance abuse as  
10 defined in section 6107.

11 (iii) Mental or physical inability reasonably related to and  
12 adversely affecting the licensee's ability to practice in a safe  
13 and competent manner.

14 (iv) Declaration of mental incompetence by a court of  
15 competent jurisdiction.

16 (v) Conviction of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment  
17 for a maximum term of 2 years; a misdemeanor involving the  
18 illegal delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance;  
19 or a felony. A certified copy of the court record is conclusive  
20 evidence of the conviction.

21 (vi) Lack of good moral character.

22 (vii) Conviction of a criminal offense under sections ~~520a~~  
23 ~~to 520f~~ **520b to 520g** of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328,  
24 MCL ~~750.520a to 750.520f~~ **750.520b to 750.520g**. A certified  
25 copy of the court record is conclusive evidence of the  
26 conviction.

27 (viii) Conviction of a violation of section 492a of the

1 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.492a. A certified copy  
2 of the court record is conclusive evidence of the conviction.

3 (ix) Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony involving fraud in  
4 obtaining or attempting to obtain fees related to the practice of  
5 a health profession. A certified copy of the court record is  
6 conclusive evidence of the conviction.

7 (x) Final adverse administrative action by a licensure,  
8 registration, disciplinary, or certification board involving the  
9 holder of, or an applicant for, a license or registration  
10 regulated by another state or a territory of the United States,  
11 by the United States military, by the federal government, or by  
12 another country. A certified copy of the record of the board is  
13 conclusive evidence of the final action.

14 (xi) Conviction of a misdemeanor that is reasonably related  
15 to or that adversely affects the licensee's ability to practice  
16 in a safe and competent manner. A certified copy of the court  
17 record is conclusive evidence of the conviction.

18 (c) Prohibited acts, consisting of 1 or more of the  
19 following:

20 (i) Fraud or deceit in obtaining or renewing a license or  
21 registration.

22 (ii) Permitting the license or registration to be used by an  
23 unauthorized person.

24 (iii) Practice outside the scope of a license.

25 (iv) Obtaining, possessing, or attempting to obtain or  
26 possess a controlled substance as defined in section 7104 or a  
27 drug as defined in section 7105 without lawful authority; or

1 selling, prescribing, giving away, or administering drugs for  
2 other than lawful diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

3 (d) Unethical business practices, consisting of 1 or more of  
4 the following:

5 (i) False or misleading advertising.

6 (ii) Dividing fees for referral of patients or accepting  
7 kickbacks on medical or surgical services, appliances, or  
8 medications purchased by or in behalf of patients.

9 (iii) Fraud or deceit in obtaining or attempting to obtain  
10 third party reimbursement.

11 (e) Unprofessional conduct, consisting of 1 or more of the  
12 following:

13 (i) Misrepresentation to a consumer or patient or in  
14 obtaining or attempting to obtain third party reimbursement in  
15 the course of professional practice.

16 (ii) Betrayal of a professional confidence.

17 (iii) Promotion for personal gain of an unnecessary drug,  
18 device, treatment, procedure, or service.

19 (iv) Either of the following:

20 (A) A requirement by a licensee other than a physician that  
21 an individual purchase or secure a drug, device, treatment,  
22 procedure, or service from another person, place, facility, or  
23 business in which the licensee has a financial interest.

24 (B) A referral by a physician for a designated health service  
25 that violates section 1877 of part D of title XVIII of the social  
26 security act, 42 U.S.C. 1395nn, or a regulation promulgated under  
27 that section. Section 1877 of part D of title XVIII of the

1 social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1395nn, and the regulations  
2 promulgated under that section, as they exist on ~~the effective~~  
3 ~~date of the amendatory act that added this sentence~~ **June 3,**  
4 **2002**, are incorporated by reference for purposes of this  
5 subparagraph. A disciplinary subcommittee shall apply  
6 section 1877 of part D of title XVIII of the social security act,  
7 42 U.S.C. 1395nn, and the regulations promulgated under that  
8 section regardless of the source of payment for the designated  
9 health service referred and rendered. If section 1877 of part D  
10 of title XVIII of the social security act, 42 U.S.C. 1395nn, or a  
11 regulation promulgated under that section is revised after ~~the~~  
12 ~~effective date of the amendatory act that added this sentence~~  
13 **June 3, 2002**, the department shall officially take notice of the  
14 revision. Within 30 days after taking notice of the revision,  
15 the department shall decide whether or not the revision pertains  
16 to referral by physicians for designated health services and  
17 continues to protect the public from inappropriate referrals by  
18 physicians. If the department decides that the revision does  
19 both of those things, the department may promulgate rules to  
20 incorporate the revision by reference. If the department does  
21 promulgate rules to incorporate the revision by reference, the  
22 department shall not make any changes to the revision. As used  
23 in this subparagraph, "designated health service" means that term  
24 as defined in section 1877 of part D of title XVIII of the social  
25 security act, 42 U.S.C. 1395nn, and the regulations promulgated  
26 under that section and "physician" means that term as defined in  
27 sections 17001 and 17501.

1 (v) For a physician who makes referrals pursuant to section  
2 1877 of part D of title XVIII of the social security act, 42  
3 U.S.C. 1395nn, or a regulation promulgated under that section,  
4 refusing to accept a reasonable proportion of patients eligible  
5 for medicaid and refusing to accept payment from medicaid or  
6 medicare as payment in full for a treatment, procedure, or  
7 service for which the physician refers the individual and in  
8 which the physician has a financial interest. A physician who  
9 owns all or part of a facility in which he or she provides  
10 surgical services is not subject to this subparagraph if a  
11 referred surgical procedure he or she performs in the facility is  
12 not reimbursed at a minimum of the appropriate medicaid or  
13 medicare outpatient fee schedule, including the combined  
14 technical and professional components.

15 (f) Beginning ~~1 year after the effective date of this act~~  
16 **June 3, 2003**, the department of consumer and industry services  
17 shall prepare the first of 3 annual reports on the effect of this  
18 amendatory act on access to care for the uninsured and medicaid  
19 patients. The department shall report on the number of referrals  
20 by licensees of uninsured and medicaid patients to purchase or  
21 secure a drug, device, treatment, procedure, or service from  
22 another person, place, facility, or business in which the  
23 licensee has a financial interest.

24 (g) Failure to report a change of name or mailing address  
25 within 30 days after the change occurs.

26 (h) A violation, or aiding or abetting in a violation, of  
27 this article or of a rule promulgated under this article.

1 (i) Failure to comply with a subpoena issued pursuant to this  
 2 part, failure to respond to a complaint issued under this article  
 3 or article 7, failure to appear at a compliance conference or an  
 4 administrative hearing, or failure to report under section 16222  
 5 or 16223.

6 (j) Failure to pay an installment of an assessment levied  
 7 pursuant to the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100  
 8 to 500.8302, within 60 days after notice by the appropriate  
 9 board.

10 (k) A violation of section 17013 or 17513.

11 (l) Failure to meet 1 or more of the requirements for  
 12 licensure or registration under section 16174.

13 (m) A violation of section 17015 or 17515.

14 (n) A violation of section 17016 or 17516.

15 (o) Failure to comply with section 9206(3).

16 (p) A violation of section 5654 or 5655.

17 (q) A violation of section 16274.

18 (r) A violation of section 17020 or 17520.

19 **(s) A violation of the medical records access act.**

20 Sec. 16226. (1) After finding the existence of 1 or more of  
 21 the grounds for disciplinary subcommittee action listed in  
 22 section 16221, a disciplinary subcommittee shall impose 1 or more  
 23 of the following sanctions for each violation:

24 Violations of Section 16221

Sanctions

1 Subdivision (a), (b)(ii), Probation, limitation, denial,  
2 (b)(iv), (b)(vi), or suspension, revocation,  
3 (b)(vii) restitution, community service,  
4 or fine.  
5 Subdivision (b)(viii) Revocation or denial.

6 Subdivision (b)(i), Limitation, suspension,  
7 (b)(iii), (b)(v), revocation, denial,  
8 (b)(ix), (b)(x), probation, restitution,  
9 or (b)(xi) community service, or fine.

10 Subdivision (c)(i) Denial, revocation, suspension,  
11 probation, limitation, community  
12 service, or fine.

13 Subdivision (c)(ii) Denial, suspension, revocation,  
14 restitution, community service,  
15 or fine.

16 Subdivision (c)(iii) Probation, denial, suspension,  
17 revocation, restitution,  
18 community service, or fine.

19 Subdivision (c)(iv) or  
20 (d)(iii) Fine, probation, denial,  
21 suspension, revocation, community  
22 service, or restitution.



- 1 Subdivision (d)(i) Reprimand, fine, probation,  
2 or (d)(ii) community service, denial,  
3 or restitution.
- 4 Subdivision (e)(i) Reprimand, fine, probation,  
5 limitation, suspension, community  
6 service, denial, or restitution.
- 7 Subdivision (e)(ii) Reprimand, probation,  
8 or (i) suspension, restitution,  
9 community service, denial, or  
10 fine.
- 11 Subdivision (e)(iii), Reprimand, fine, probation,  
12 (e)(iv), or (e)(v) suspension, revocation,  
13 limitation, community service,  
14 denial, or restitution.
- 15 Subdivision (g) Reprimand or fine.
- 16 Subdivision (h) **or (s)** Reprimand, probation, denial,  
17 suspension, revocation,  
18 limitation, restitution,  
19 community service, or fine.
- 20 Subdivision (j) Suspension or fine.

1 Subdivision (k), (p), or  
2 (r)

Reprimand or fine.

3 Subdivision (l)

Reprimand, denial, or  
4 limitation.

5 Subdivision (m) or (o)

Denial, revocation, restitution,  
6 probation, suspension,  
7 limitation, reprimand, or fine.

8 Subdivision (n)

Revocation or denial.

9 Subdivision (q)

Revocation.

10 (2) Determination of sanctions for violations under this  
11 section shall be made by a disciplinary subcommittee. If, during  
12 judicial review, the court of appeals determines that a final  
13 decision or order of a disciplinary subcommittee prejudices  
14 substantial rights of the petitioner for 1 or more of the grounds  
15 listed in section 106 of the administrative procedures act of  
16 1969, 1969 PA 306, MCL 24.306, and holds that the final decision  
17 or order is unlawful and is to be set aside, the court shall  
18 state on the record the reasons for the holding and may remand  
19 the case to the disciplinary subcommittee for further  
20 consideration.

21 (3) A disciplinary subcommittee may impose a fine of up to,  
22 but not exceeding, \$250,000.00 for a violation of  
23 section 16221(a) or (b).

24 (4) A disciplinary subcommittee may require a licensee or

1 registrant or an applicant for licensure or registration who has  
2 violated this article or article 7 or a rule promulgated under  
3 this article or article 7 to satisfactorily complete an  
4 educational program, a training program, or a treatment program,  
5 a mental, physical, or professional competence examination, or a  
6 combination of those programs and examinations.

7       **Sec. 20170. A health facility or agency shall comply with**  
8 **the medical records access act.**

9       Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take  
10 effect unless Senate Bill No. \_\_\_\_\_ or House Bill No. 4706  
11 (request no. 02043'03) of the 92nd Legislature is enacted into  
12 law.