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CHAPTER 297

HOUSE BILL 2110

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 32, CHAPTER 31, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 32-3108; AMENDING SECTION 32-3202, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO HEALTH PROFESSIONALS.

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 32, chapter 31, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 32-3108, to read:

4 32-3108. Grievance process; public testimony

5 NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A REGULATORY ENTITY SHALL
6 ALLOW A PERSON OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PERSON WHO HAS MADE A COMPLAINT OR
7 A PERSON OR A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PERSON AGAINST WHOM A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN
8 MADE ATTENDING A BOARD DISCIPLINARY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE
9 BOARD ON THAT COMPLAINT ON THE AGENDA BY FILLING OUT A REQUEST FORM BEFORE
10 OR AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING.

11 Sec. 2. Section 32-3202, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

12 32-3202. License or certificate suspension

13 The certificate or license of a health professional who does not renew
14 ~~his~~ THE certificate or license as prescribed by statute and who has been
15 advised in writing that an investigation is pending at the time ~~his~~ THE
16 certificate or license is due to expire or terminate does not expire or
17 terminate until the investigation is resolved. The certificate or license
18 is suspended on the date it would otherwise expire or terminate and the
19 health professional shall not practice in this state until the investigation
20 is resolved.

1 Sec. 3. Joint legislative study committee on health regulatory
2 agencies; membership; duties

3 A. The joint legislative study committee on health regulatory agencies
4 is established consisting of the members of the senate and house of
5 representatives health committee of reference.

6 B. The committee shall evaluate and make recommendations concerning
7 the establishment of an independent and consolidated appeals process and an
8 independent and consolidated investigatory process outside the purview of the
9 individual health professions boards.

10 C. The committee shall consider:

11 1. The types and numbers of complaints filed with health professions
12 boards.

13 2. The level of education and experience necessary to conduct
14 investigations and administer the appeals process for the types of complaints
15 filed.

16 3. The assignment of legal counsel as prosecutors and legal advisors
17 to the board.

18 4. The need to conduct investigations across state lines.

19 5. The relationship of health professional boards to any proposed
20 independent investigations office.

21 6. The funding requirements of any proposed independent investigations
22 office and the proportionate share each participating health professional
23 board would be required to pay.

24 7. The level of funding required to be appropriated from the general
25 fund to support the independent investigations office, if any.

26 8. The relationship of any proposed independent investigations office
27 to the office of administrative hearings.

28 D. The committee shall submit a report of its findings or
29 recommendations to the governor, the president of the senate, the speaker of
30 the house of representatives, the secretary of state and the director of the
31 department of library, archives and public records on or before November 30,
32 1996.

33 Sec. 4. Delayed repeal

34 Section 3 of this act is repealed from and after December 31, 1996.

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