

House Engrossed Senate Bill

State of Arizona
Senate
Forty-fifth Legislature
Second Regular Session
2002

CHAPTER 169

SENATE BILL 1240

AN ACT

ESTABLISHING THE RURAL PHYSICIAN STUDY COMMITTEE.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

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

2 Section 1. Rural physician study committee; membership; duties;
3 report

4 A. The rural physician study committee is established consisting of
5 the following members:

6 1. Two members of the house of representatives who are appointed by
7 the speaker of the house of representatives and who are not members of the
8 same political party. The speaker of the house of representatives shall
9 appoint one of these members as cochairperson of the committee.

10 2. Two members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the
11 senate and who are not members of the same political party. The president
12 of the senate shall appoint one of these members as cochairperson of the
13 committee.

14 3. An administrator from a hospital that is located in a rural area
15 of this state. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint
16 this member.

17 4. A physician who is licensed pursuant to title 32, chapter 13 or 17,
18 Arizona Revised Statutes, whose primary practice is in the rural areas of
19 this state and who specializes in obstetrical medicine. The president of the
20 senate shall appoint this member.

21 5. The director of the rural health office at the university of
22 Arizona or the director's designee.

23 6. A representative of a malpractice insurer that sells malpractice
24 insurance in this state. The speaker of the house of representatives shall
25 appoint this member.

26 B. Committee members are not eligible to receive compensation.

27 C. The committee shall:

28 1. Examine federal and state programs relating to:

29 (a) Malpractice insurance pools.

30 (b) Malpractice insurance premium sharing.

31 2. Examine the effect of the cost and availability of malpractice
32 insurance on:

33 (a) The practice of obstetrical medicine in rural areas of this state.

34 (b) Hospitals and community health centers in rural areas of this
35 state.

36 3. Review any other information relating to the availability of
37 obstetrical services in rural areas of this state.

38 D. The committee may use the services of legislative staff as
39 required.

1 E. On or before December 31, 2003, the committee shall submit a
2 written report of its findings and recommendations to the speaker of the
3 house of representatives, the president of the senate and the governor. The
4 committee shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state and
5 the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

6 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

7 Section 1 of this act, relating to the rural physician study committee,
8 is repealed from and after December 31, 2003.

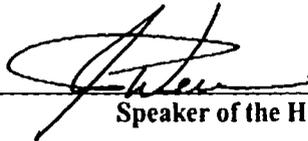
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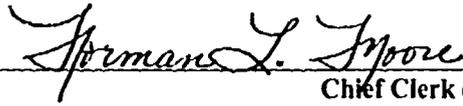
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Passed the House April 22, 20 02,

by the following vote: 41 Ayes,

16 Nays, 3 Not Voting

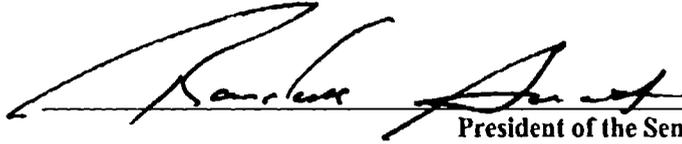

Speaker of the House

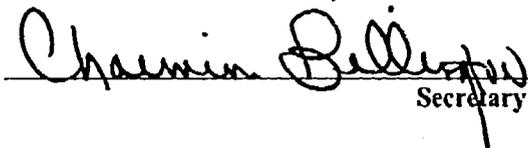

Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 21, 20 02,

by the following vote: 19 Ayes,

10 Nays, 1 Not Voting


President of the Senate


Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

~~_____ day of _____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

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Secretary to the Governor~~

Approved this _____ day of

~~_____, 20____,~~

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~

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Governor of Arizona~~

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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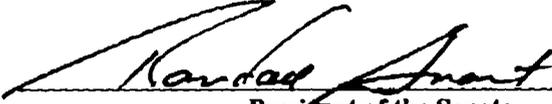
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Secretary of State~~

SENATE CONCURS IN HOUSE AMENDMENTS
AND FINAL PASSAGE

Passed the Senate April 30, 2002

by the following vote: 23 Ayes,

5 Nays, 2 Not Voting



President of the Senate

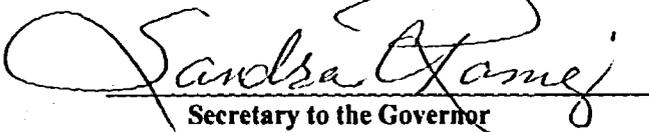

Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

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at 12:48 o'clock P M.



Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 6th day of

May, 2002,

at 3:30 o'clock P M.



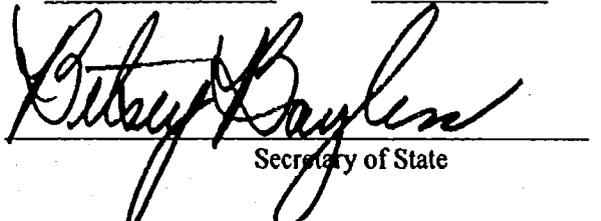
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This Bill was received by the Secretary of State

this 7 day of May, 2002,

at 3:13 o'clock P M.



Secretary of State