



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2754

~~Arizona medical board; disciplinary action~~
(NOW: disciplinary action; Arizona medical board)

Purpose

Allows the Arizona Medical Board (Board) to consider a competitive relationship between the complainant and the respondent as a mitigating factor in determining disciplinary action.

Background

The primary duty of the Board is to protect the public from unlawful, incompetent, unqualified, impaired or unprofessional practitioners of allopathic medicine through licensure, regulation and rehabilitation of the profession in Arizona. The powers and duties of the board include initiating investigations and determining if a doctor of medicine has engaged in unprofessional conduct or provided incompetent medical care or is mentally or physically unable to engage in the practice of medicine and disciplining and rehabilitating physicians (A.R.S. § 32-1403).

Any person may, and a doctor of medicine and any health care institution shall, report to the Board any information that appears to show that a doctor may be medically incompetent, is or may be guilty of unprofessional conduct or is or may be mentally or physically unable safely to engage in the practice of medicine. Any person or entity that reports or provides information to the Board in good faith is not subject to an action for civil damages (A.R.S. § 32-1451).

There is no fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Allows the Board to consider a direct or indirect competitive relationship between the complainant and the respondent as a mitigating factor in determining appropriate disciplinary action.
2. Makes technical changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

House Action

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