LEGISLATIVE BILL 90

Approved by the Governor March 05, 2015

Introduced by Campbell, 25.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Regulation of Health Professions Act; to amend sections 71-6207.02 and 71-6223.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a term; to change provisions regarding initiation of a directed review; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 71-6207.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-6207.02 Directed review shall mean a review conducted <u>pursuant to section 71-6223.02</u> at the request of the director and the chairperson in which (1) there <u>is shall</u> be no applicant group or application, (2) the duty of the committee <u>is shall</u> be to formulate an initial proposal on the issues subject to review, and (3) the duty of the board and the director <u>is shall be</u> to evaluate the proposal using the appropriate criteria and to make recommendations to the Legislature.

Sec. 2. Section 71-6223.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

71-6223.02 At any time the director and the chairperson may initiate a directed review or the chairperson in consultation with the members of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may initiate a directed review. The purpose of a directed review is to determine the advisability of credentialing a health professional group not previously regulated, of changing the scope of practice of a regulated health profession, or of other issues regarding the regulation of health professions. Before initiating a directed review, the director and the chairperson, or the chairperson in consultation with the Health and Human Services Committee, shall determine that no appropriate applicant group exists. No letter of intent, applicant group, application, or application fee shall be required in a directed review. The duty of the technical committee in a directed review shall be to investigate the issues that are the subject of the review, to hold a public hearing to receive information from the public on the issues, to develop a specific proposal to address the issues investigated taking into account the appropriate criteria as set forth in section 71-6221, and to prepare a final report containing the technical committee's proposal, other options considered, and other relevant information.

Sec. 3. Original sections 71-6207.02 and 71-6223.02, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.