

MEDICAL BOARD STAFF REPORT

DATE REPORT ISSUED: January 7, 2010
ATTENTION: Medical Board of California
SUBJECT: Implementation of Limited License
STAFF CONTACT: Deborah Pellegrini, Chief

REQUESTED ACTION:

Members adopt the staff recommendation to refer this item to the Licensing Committee for review and approval and direct staff to develop implementation plans, proposed regulatory language, and procedures to implement recent legislation that authorizes the Licensing Program to issue a Limited License to physicians not qualified for a full and unrestricted license due to a limitation or disability.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that they be directed to develop implementation plans, proposed regulatory language and procedures. In addition, staff recommends that the proposals be referred to the Licensing Committee for review and approval at the April, 2010 quarterly meeting of the Board.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Legislation (AB 501) effective January 1, 2010 will allow the Licensing Program to issue an initial limited license to an applicant for licensure who is otherwise eligible for a medical license in California but is unable to practice all aspects of medicine safely due to a disability.

It will be necessary to establish regulations as well as amend all impacted regulations and statutes in order to implement this recently enacted legislation, Section 2088 of the California Business and Professions Code. In addition, staff will need to develop an application, define process and procedures, and develop a procedure manual.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

To be determined.