

Proposed Legislation

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS FOR 2010

Public Disclosure – Amend the law regarding disclosure and posting to include PC 23's, court orders to place practice restrictions on an individual when there are pending criminal proceedings. These restrictions need to be publically disclosed and posted in order to inform healthcare consumers of the practice restrictions imposed by the court. (B&P 803.1 & 2027)

Default Decisions – Amend current law to authorize the Executive Director to adopt stipulations to surrender a license when the law requires a mandatory revocation. (B&P 2224)

Peer Review - Amends to the 805 sections were vetoed in 2009. We will work with the authors and interested parties on proposals they have and request technical and other amendments as appropriate, but will not sponsor amends unless there are none moving forward.

Expedite Complaint Process - Remove the need for a upfront specialty expert to review complaints prior to the complaint being sent to the field. This would allow for a general practice medical consultant to review the medical records, statements from the physician, and the standard of care, then to make the recommendation to close or forward to the field for investigation. This will expedite the complaint triage process, reducing the amount of processing time needed to make the decision to close or forward the complaint to the field. (B&P 2220.08)

Licensing - The program has suggested a variety of clean up or changes that would enhance the licensing program and expedite licensure. In addition, there may be changes/enhancements that need to be made to laws related to the other licensees/registrations. These have not been fully developed due to backlog priorities, thus will be fully reviewed and discussed at the January meeting of the Medical Board.