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Act No. 126 (H.438). Professions and occupations; Health; physicians; podiatrists; Board of Medical Practice

An act relating to the Board of Medical Practice and the licensure of physicians and podiatrists

This act updates and modernizes language and terminology relating to the Board of Medical Practice and licensure of physicians. It updates the qualifications for physician licensure and revises provisions regarding the circumstances under which a Board licensee's employer must report unprofessional conduct to the Board. The act modifies provisions relating to the Board's powers and duties and to the Board's complaint, investigation, and hearing processes and creates a nondisciplinary financial penalty of up to \$250 for violations of statutes and Board rules of an administrative nature and. The act also requires the Board to post an investigation-operations manual on its website by July 1, 2020. It revises the descriptions of the examinations for licensure as a podiatrist and amends provisions relating to renewal of a podiatrist license. The act also adds the Board to an existing description of professional licensing boards that are entitled to inspect prescription records related to regulated drugs and modifies a Board rulemaking requirement regarding maintenance of licensure rules for podiatrists, physicians, and physician assistants.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on July 1, 2020