

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Friday, January 25, 2019
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE: Room EW20
MEMBERS: Chairman Wood, Vice Chairman Wagoner, Representatives Vander Woude, Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Zollinger, Christensen, Green(2), Lickley, Chew, Rubel, Davis
ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative(s) Blanksma, Davis, Rubel
GUESTS: Laura McGeorge, MD, Board of Medicine; Chelsea Wilson, PPA; Susie Pouliot, ID Medical Assn

Chairman Wood called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

H 9: **Anne Lawler**, Executive Director, Idaho State Board of Medicine, presented **H 9** to update and streamline the Medical Practice Act, which has not been significantly updated since 1977. The changes remove licensure barrier, decrease overall regulation, and bring the Act in line with the Board's current licensing and regulating practice. Wording changes have been made for clarity and antiquated of duplicative language has been removed.

In addition to the previously stated updates, physician assistants (PAs) are fully incorporated. Supervising physician and alternate supervising physician have been combined. The registration requirement for externs (medical students) has been removed. A PA has been added to the Board of Medicine and the quorum increased to six members, each with a single six-year term.

The Board's and Committee's honoraria has been increased from \$50 a day to \$100 a day. The PA Advisory Committee has been increased to four members with an honorarium of \$100 per day.

In alignment with the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, licenses can be issued for less than a year. Three new discipline subsections address disruptive behavior, interference with an investigation or disciplinary proceeding, and delegating professional responsibilities.

Unnecessary sections for post mortem examination consent and determining death have been removed. The Disabled Physician Act has been reworked for clarity and ease of administration. Reference to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Practice Act is included for ski patrollers.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Wagoner** made a motion to send **H 9** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

Answering a question, **Ms. Lawler** said the Board took the statute as a basis, added public protection, and then further aligned with the Board's actions.

Susie Pouliot, CEO, Idaho Medical Association, and the Idaho Academy of Physician Assistants, testified **in support** of **H 9** on behalf of both organizations and their members.

For the record, no one else indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 9** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Vice Chairman Wagoner** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

Representative Wood
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary