

CHAPTER 234

AN ACT concerning the membership of the State Board of Medical Examiners and amending R.S.45:9-1.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

1. R.S.45:9-1 is amended to read as follows:

State Board of Medical Examiners; advisory committee.

45:9-1. The State Board of Medical Examiners, hereinafter in this chapter designated as the "board" shall consist of 21 members, one of whom shall be the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, or his designee, three of whom shall be public members and one an executive department designee as required pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1971, c.60 (C.45:1-2.2), and 16 of whom shall be persons of recognized professional ability and honor, and shall possess a license to practice their respective professions in New Jersey, and all of whom shall be appointed by the Governor in accordance with the provisions of section 2 of P.L.1971, c.60 (C.45:1-2.2); provided, however, that said board shall consist of 12 graduates of schools of medicine or osteopathic medicine who shall possess the degree of M.D. or D.O. The number of osteopathic physicians on the board shall be a minimum of, but not limited to, two members. In addition the membership of said board shall comprise: one podiatric physician who does not possess a license to practice in any other health care profession regulated under Title 45 of the Revised Statutes; one physician assistant; one certified nurse midwife; and one licensed bio-analytical laboratory director, who may or may not be the holder of a degree of M.D. The term of office of members of the board hereafter appointed shall be three years or until their successors are appointed. Said appointees shall, within 30 days after receipt of their respective commissions, take and subscribe the oath or affirmation prescribed by law and file the same in the office of the Secretary of State.

The Governor shall also appoint an advisory committee to consist of four licensed bio-analytical laboratory directors, only two of whom shall possess the degree of M.D. or D.O., and who shall be appointed from a list to be submitted by the society or organization of which the persons nominated are members. The members of this advisory committee shall serve for a term of three years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, and shall be available to assist the board in the administration of the "Bio-analytical Laboratory and Laboratory Directors Act (1953)," P.L.1953, c.420 (C.45:9-42.1 et al.). The advisory committee shall meet at the call of the board. The board may authorize reimbursement of the members of the advisory committee for their actual expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties as members of the committee.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 16, 2010.