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House Bill 171 (Delegate Guyton)
Health and Government Operations

State Board of Pharmacy - Membership - Veterinary Pharmacist

This bill adds one member to the State Board of Pharmacy (MBOP) who must be a licensed pharmacist practicing primarily as a veterinary pharmacist. The Governor must appoint the member, with the advice of the Secretary of Health, from a list of names submitted by the Maryland Veterinary Medical Association.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Any *per diem* or expense reimbursements for the additional MBOP member are assumed to be absorbable within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MBOP regulates the practice of pharmacy by licensing pharmacists, registering pharmacy technicians, issuing permits to individuals to establish or operate pharmacies in the State, setting pharmacy practice standards, and developing and enforcing laws and regulations to protect the public.

The board comprises 13 members, of whom 10 must be licensed pharmacists, 1 must be a registered pharmacy technician, and 2 must be consumer members. Of the 10 pharmacist members, 2 must primarily practice in chain store pharmacies, 2 must primarily practice in independent pharmacies, 2 must primarily practice in an acute care hospital, 1 must practice

primarily in a pharmacy that provides services to a long-term care facility, and 1 must practice primarily in a pharmacy that specializes in home infusion/home care services. Each member of the board must be a State resident. Each pharmacist and registered pharmacy technician member must (1) be skilled and competent in practicing pharmacy and (2) have at least five years of active pharmacy experience.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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