

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, no statement issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Hunt, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	6/19, 6/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Defines terms. Directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to contract with an institute to appoint and convene scope of practice review committee. Specifies the membership composition of the review committee. Specifies duties and responsibilities of the institute and DHS. Specifies issues to be considered by the scope of practice review committee. Directs the scope of practice review committee follow statutory public meeting guidelines. Requires review committee to submit report with results of proposed change. Requires the committee to forward a report to Legislative Assembly and Governor. Sets repeal date of January 1, 2010. Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legislative role in scope of practice measures
- The need for thoughtful approach to the issue
- BME's current review of scope of practice for physicians, physician assistants, podiatrists, and acupuncturists
- Concerns with BME being the facilitator of the review
- Complexities with scope of practice issues
- Importance of having a non-regulatory entity facilitate the review
- Regulatory boards' responsibilities
- Significance of legislator's having accurate and useful information in policy discussions
- Potential impact to health care professions

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND: "Scope of practice" is a term used by licensing boards for various medically-related fields that define the procedures, actions, and processes that are permitted for the licensed individual. The scope of practice is limited to that which the individual has received education and clinical experience, and in which he/she has demonstrated competency. Each state has specific regulation based on entry education and additional training and practice.

Professions with defined scope of practice regulations include nursing, physical therapy, psychiatry, emergency medical services as well as other medical professions. Each session, numerous scope of practice bills may come before the Legislative Assembly. Generally, these bills are requested by one health care practitioner group wanting to expand its scope of practice into an area that is often restricted under another practitioner group's scope of practice. Scope of practice hearings often involve technical debate between both groups as to why or why not to modify the scope of practice.

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