

Subject Allied health professions birth month renewal cycle conversion

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Overview

This bill converts the allied health professionals regulated by the Board of Medical Practice (physician assistants, acupuncture practitioners, respiratory care practitioners, traditional midwives, registered naturopathic doctors, and genetic counselors) to a licensure renewal cycle that is based on the licensee's birth month. The bill does the following for each occupation:

- Specifies that a licensee whose license has lapsed before January 1, 2020, shall be treated as a first-time licensee for purposes of establishing a license renewal schedule, not subject to the license cycle conversion provisions.
- Requires a licensee to maintain a correct mailing address with the board and specifies what constitutes valid service. Specifies that failure to receive renewal documents does not relieve a licensee of the obligation to comply with this section.
- Specifies that a licensee who fails to comply with renewal requirements will be removed from the list of individuals authorized to practice during the renewal period, until reinstated.
- Converts the license renewal cycle to an annual cycle where renewal is due on the last day of a licensee's month of birth, beginning January 1, 2020, for licensees who are licensed before December 31, 2019.
- Specifies the conversion of license renewal cycle for current licenses and for noncurrent licenses.
- Specifies that after the conversion renewal cycle, subsequent renewal cycles are annual and begin on the last day of the month of the licensee's birth.
- Establishes and adjusts licensing fees for the conversion license period.