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Overview

This bill updates provisions governing background checks conducted by health-related licensing boards, and procedures relating to temporary suspensions for actions that present an imminent risk of serious harm.

Section

- 1 Applications.** Amends § 214.075, subd. 1. (a) Requires the health-related licensing boards to conduct a state criminal records check and a national criminal history (FBI) check for:
 - (1) applicants for initial licensure or licensure by endorsement, except for an applicant who has had the same check by the same board;
 - (2) applicants for reinstatement or relicensure, if the license has been expired for more than one year; or
 - (3) licensees applying to participate in an interstate licensure compact.(b) Specifies that the background check results are valid for one year after receipt.
- 2 Refusal to consent.** Amends § 214.075, subd. 4. Removes 90-day timeframe to submit fingerprints for a background study.
- 3 Submission of fingerprints to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.** Amends § 214.075, subd. 5. Modifies terminology for national criminal history record checks.
- 4 Alternatives to fingerprint-based criminal background checks.** Amends § 214.075, subd. 6. Allows a health-related licensing board to require an alternative background check for an applicant or licensee who has submitted at least two unreadable sets of fingerprints.

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- 5** **Temporary license suspension; imminent risk of serious harm.** Amends § 214.077. Modifies time requirements for a health-related licensing board final order on a temporary suspension after a contested case hearing.
- 6** **Special requirements for health-related licensing boards.** Amends § 214.10, subd. 8. Specifies that the health-related licensing boards will not exchange criminal history record information.
- 7** **Exceptions.** Amends § 364.09. Provides that chapter 364, governing rehabilitation and employment of criminal offenders, does not apply to the licensing or registration process for health licensing boards.
- 8** **Repealer.** Repeals § 214.075, subd. 8 (planning for criminal background checks).
- 9** **Effective date.** Makes sections 1 to 8 effective the day following final enactment.