

Subject Health-related licensing board background checks

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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.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Applications.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(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. <p>(b) Specifies that the background check results are valid for one year after receipt.</p>
2	<p>Consent form; fees; fingerprints.</p> <p>Amends § 214.075, subd. 3. Adds “other biometric data” to criminal history records check consent form and fee provisions.</p>
3	<p>Refusal to consent.</p> <p>Amends § 214.075, subd. 4. Removes 90-day timeframe to submit fingerprints for a background study.</p>
4	<p>Submission of fingerprints to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.</p> <p>Amends § 214.075, subd. 5. Modifies terminology for national criminal history record checks.</p>

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5	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, rather than three.
6	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.
7	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.
8	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.
9	Repealer. Repeals § 214.075, subd. 8 (planning for criminal background checks).
10	Effective date. Makes sections 1 to 9 effective the day following final enactment.



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