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H.B. No. 306

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the medical advisory board.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 12.092, Health and Safety Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided in Subsection (c), the ~~[The]~~ commissioner shall appoint the medical advisory board members from:

(1) persons licensed to practice medicine in this state, including physicians who are board certified in internal medicine, psychiatry, neurology, physical medicine, or ophthalmology and who are jointly recommended by the department and the Texas Medical Association; and

(2) persons licensed to practice optometry in this state who are jointly recommended by the department and the Texas Optometric Association.

(c) The commissioner shall appoint at least one representative from the following agencies to the medical advisory board:

(1) the department; and

(2) the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.

SECTION 2. Section 12.094(a), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 (a) The executive commissioner:

2 (1) shall [~~may~~] adopt rules to govern the activities  
3 of the medical advisory board;

4 (2) shall annually appoint from among the members a  
5 chair and a vice chair of the medical advisory board;

6 (3) shall annually review the medical advisory board's  
7 rules and internal procedures;

8 (4) by rule may establish a reasonable fee to pay a  
9 member of the medical advisory board for the member's professional  
10 consultation services; and

11 (5) [~~(3)~~] if appropriate, may authorize reimbursement  
12 for travel expenses as provided by Section 2110.004, Government  
13 Code, for each meeting a member attends.

14 SECTION 3. Section 12.095, Health and Safety Code, is  
15 amended by adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

16 (b-1) At least one member of a panel must have medical  
17 expertise relating to the medical condition of the applicant or  
18 license holder whose application or license is being considered by  
19 the panel.

20 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.