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CSSB 166() "An Act relating to the licensing of medical laboratory science professionals; and providing for an effective date."

Explanation of Changes in the Committee Substitute for SB 166, version "B"

This is a summary of the most significant changes in the Committee Substitute for SB 166 version "B" from the original bill, version "M," which may be followed with a line by line color comparison of the two versions provided under "Documents" for SB 166 on BASIS.

1. Increases composition of the Board from 5 to 6 members by adding "Public Health Scientist" along with the 4 other lab professionals on the Board. (p.1, line 7). The scope of practice for this particular occupation is set out on pages 4-5.
2. Deleted continuing education requirements in the version original bill because other sections of this new chapter of Title 8, AS 08.30, already cover competency (Sec. 08.30.030 Duties of the Board) (p.2).
3. Changes responsibility for Examination and Licensing from the "department" to the "board." The word "board" was substituted for "department" throughout the bill.
4. Defines more specifically under Exemptions from License Requirements, Sec. 08.30.210(8-10) duties and responsibilities for those occupations under supervision of allopathic physicians or osteopaths. (p.7).
5. Provides under "Applicability" to the licensing requirement, Section 5, page 8 the exemption or "grandfathering" limited to 2 years of those individuals employed in the state for 3 of the last 5 years who have documented advanced education, training, and experience in lieu of certification by a national credentialing agency. (p.8 lines 30, through p.9 line 7).
6. Increases initial staggered for two board members instead of one, who will serve for only one year as a result of increasing board members from 5 to 6 (p.10, line 7).

Note: Penalties are not included in either version "B" or "M" because boards under Title 8 already have a number of disciplinary powers, including revoking a license and imposing a civil fine not to exceed \$5,000. Also, there is no certification or licensing requirement for nonresidents coming into the state and exempted on a temporary basis up to 13 weeks. (p.6, lines 25-29).