

# SENATE BILL NO. 254

April 09, 2019, Introduced by Senator ZORN and referred to the Committee on Health Policy and Human Services.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 7333, 16221, and 16226 (MCL 333.7333, 333.16221, and 333.16226), section 7333 as amended by 2018 PA 34, sections 16221 and 16226 as amended by 2018 PA 463, and by adding section 7333c.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

**1** Sec. 7333. (1) As used in this section, "good faith" means the

1 prescribing or dispensing of a controlled substance by a  
2 practitioner licensed under section 7303 in the regular course of  
3 professional treatment to or for an individual who is under  
4 treatment by the practitioner for a pathology or condition other  
5 than that individual's physical or psychological dependence upon or  
6 addiction to a controlled substance, except as provided in this  
7 article. Application of good faith to a pharmacist means the  
8 dispensing of a controlled substance pursuant to a prescriber's  
9 order which, in the professional judgment of the pharmacist, is  
10 lawful. The pharmacist shall be guided by nationally accepted  
11 professional standards including, but not limited to, all of the  
12 following, in making the judgment:

13 (a) Lack of consistency in the doctor-patient relationship.

14 (b) Frequency of prescriptions for the same drug by 1  
15 prescriber for larger numbers of patients.

16 (c) Quantities beyond those normally prescribed for the same  
17 drug.

18 (d) Unusual dosages.

19 (e) Unusual geographic distances between patient, pharmacist,  
20 and prescriber.

21 (2) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a  
22 practitioner, in good faith, may dispense a controlled substance  
23 included in schedule 2 upon receipt of a prescription of a  
24 practitioner licensed under section 7303 on a prescription form. A  
25 practitioner may issue more than 1 prescription for a controlled  
26 substance included in schedule 2 on a single prescription form.

27 (3) In an emergency situation, as described in R 338.3165 of  
28 the Michigan Administrative Code, a controlled substance included  
29 in schedule 2 may be dispensed upon the oral prescription of a

1 practitioner if the prescribing practitioner promptly fills out a  
2 prescription form and forwards the prescription form to the  
3 dispensing pharmacy within 7 days after the oral prescription is  
4 issued. A prescription for a controlled substance included in  
5 schedule 2 must not be filled more than 90 days after the date on  
6 which the prescription was issued. A pharmacist, consistent with  
7 federal law and regulations on the partial filling of a controlled  
8 substance included in schedule 2, may partially fill in increments  
9 a prescription for a controlled substance included in schedule 2.

10 (4) A practitioner, in good faith, may dispense a controlled  
11 substance included in schedule 3, 4, or 5 that is a prescription  
12 drug as determined under section 503(b) of the federal food, drug,  
13 and cosmetic act, 21 USC 353, or section 17708, upon receipt of a  
14 prescription on a prescription form or an oral prescription of a  
15 practitioner. A prescription for a controlled substance included in  
16 schedule 3 or 4 must not be filled or refilled without specific  
17 refill instructions noted by the prescriber. A prescription for a  
18 controlled substance included in schedule 3 or 4 must not be filled  
19 or refilled later than 6 months after the date of the prescription  
20 or be refilled more than 5 times, unless renewed by the prescriber  
21 in accordance with rules promulgated by the administrator.

22 (5) A controlled substance included in schedule 5 must not be  
23 distributed or dispensed other than for a medical purpose, or in  
24 any manner except in accordance with rules promulgated by the  
25 administrator.

26 (6) If a prescription is required under this section, the  
27 prescription must contain the quantity of the controlled substance  
28 prescribed in both written and numerical terms. A prescription is  
29 in compliance with this subsection if, in addition to containing

1 the quantity of the controlled substance prescribed in written  
2 terms, it contains preprinted numbers representative of the  
3 quantity of the controlled substance prescribed next to which is a  
4 box or line the prescriber may check.

5 (7) A prescribing practitioner shall not use a prescription  
6 form for a purpose other than prescribing. A prescribing  
7 practitioner shall not postdate a prescription form that contains a  
8 prescription for a controlled substance. A **Subject to section**  
9 **7333c, a** prescriber may transmit a prescription by facsimile of a  
10 printed prescription form and by electronic transmission of a  
11 printed prescription form, if not prohibited by federal law. ~~If,~~  
12 **Subject to section 7333c, if,** with the patient's consent, a  
13 prescription is electronically transmitted, it must be transmitted  
14 directly to a pharmacy of the patient's choice by the prescriber or  
15 the prescriber's authorized agent, and the data must not be  
16 altered, modified, or extracted in the transmission process.

17 (8) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (5), a class B dealer  
18 may acquire a limited permit only for the purpose of buying,  
19 possessing, and administering a commercially prepared, premixed  
20 solution of sodium pentobarbital to perform euthanasia on injured,  
21 sick, homeless, or unwanted domestic pets and other animals, if the  
22 class B dealer does all of the following:

23 (a) Applies to the administrator for a permit in accordance  
24 with rules promulgated under this part. The application must  
25 contain the name of the individual in charge of the day-to-day  
26 operations of the class B dealer's facilities and the name of the  
27 individual responsible for designating employees who will be  
28 performing euthanasia on animals pursuant to this act.

29 (b) Complies with the rules promulgated by the administrator

1 for the storage, handling, and use of a commercially prepared,  
2 premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital to perform euthanasia on  
3 animals. The class B dealer shall maintain a record of use and  
4 shall make the record available for inspection by the department of  
5 licensing and regulatory affairs, the department of agriculture and  
6 rural development, and the United States Department of Agriculture.

7 (c) Subject to subdivision (d), certifies that the class B  
8 dealer or an employee of the class B dealer has received, and can  
9 document completion of, a minimum of 16 hours of training,  
10 including at least 12 hours of content training and at least 4  
11 hours of practical training, in the use of a commercially prepared,  
12 premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital and an animal  
13 tranquilizer to perform euthanasia on animals from a training  
14 program approved by the state veterinarian, in consultation with  
15 the Michigan board of veterinary medicine, and given by a licensed  
16 veterinarian pursuant to rules promulgated by the administrator.  
17 The training described in this subdivision shall comply with the  
18 American Veterinary Medical Association's guidelines for the  
19 euthanasia of animals.

20 (d) Until December 31, 2021, ensures that the class B dealer  
21 or an employee of the class B dealer who received, and can document  
22 the completion of, the 8 hours of training required immediately  
23 before ~~the effective date of the 2018 amendatory act that amended~~  
24 ~~this section~~ **May 22, 2018** only administers a commercially prepared,  
25 premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital to perform euthanasia on  
26 the animals described in this subsection. Beginning January 1,  
27 2022, the individuals described in this subdivision must have  
28 received, and be able to document the completion of, the training  
29 described in subdivision (c) to administer a commercially prepared,

1 premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital or an animal tranquilizer  
2 to perform euthanasia on the animals described in this subsection.

3 (e) Certifies that only an individual described in subdivision  
4 (c) or (d) or an individual otherwise permitted to use a controlled  
5 substance pursuant to this article will administer the commercially  
6 prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital or an animal  
7 tranquilizer according to written procedures established by the  
8 class B dealer.

9 (f) Beginning January 1, 2022, certifies that the individual  
10 in charge of the day-to-day operations of the class B dealer's  
11 facilities has received, and can document the completion of, the  
12 training described in subdivision (c).

13 (g) Complies with all state and federal laws, rules, and  
14 regulations regarding the acquisition, use, and security of  
15 controlled substances.

16 (9) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (5), an animal control  
17 shelter or animal protection shelter registered with the department  
18 of agriculture and rural development pursuant to 1969 PA 287, MCL  
19 287.331 to 287.340, may acquire a limited permit only for the  
20 purpose of buying, possessing, and administering a commercially  
21 prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital, or an animal  
22 tranquilizer, to use exclusively as an adjunct in the process of  
23 performing euthanasia on injured, sick, homeless, or unwanted  
24 domestic pets and other animals, if the animal control shelter or  
25 animal protection shelter does all of the following:

26 (a) Applies to the administrator for a permit in accordance  
27 with rules promulgated under this part. The application must  
28 contain the name of the individual in charge of the day-to-day  
29 operations of the animal control shelter or animal protection

1 shelter and the name of the individual responsible for designating  
2 employees who will be performing euthanasia on animals pursuant to  
3 this act.

4 (b) Complies with the rules promulgated by the administrator  
5 for the storage, handling, and use of a commercially prepared,  
6 premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital or an animal tranquilizer  
7 to perform euthanasia on animals. The animal control shelter or  
8 animal protection shelter shall maintain a record of use and make  
9 the record available for inspection by the department of licensing  
10 and regulatory affairs and the department of agriculture and rural  
11 development.

12 (c) Subject to subdivision (d), certifies that an employee of  
13 the animal control shelter or animal protection shelter has  
14 received, and can document completion of, a minimum of 16 hours of  
15 training, including at least 12 hours of content training and at  
16 least 4 hours of practical training, in the use of a commercially  
17 prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital and an animal  
18 tranquilizer to perform euthanasia on animals from a training  
19 program approved by the state veterinarian, in consultation with  
20 the Michigan board of veterinary medicine, and given by a licensed  
21 veterinarian pursuant to rules promulgated by the administrator.  
22 The training described in this subdivision must comply with the  
23 American Veterinary Medical Association's guidelines for the  
24 euthanasia of animals.

25 (d) Until December 31, 2021, ensures that an employee of the  
26 animal control shelter or animal protection shelter who received,  
27 and can document the completion of, the training required  
28 immediately before ~~the effective date of the 2018 amendatory act~~  
29 ~~that amended this section~~ **May 22, 2018** only administers a

1 commercially prepared solution of xylazine hydrochloride or a  
2 commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital to  
3 perform euthanasia on the animals described in this subsection in  
4 accordance with his or her training. Beginning January 1, 2022, the  
5 employee described in this subdivision must have received, and be  
6 able to document the completion of, the training described in  
7 subdivision (c) to administer a commercially prepared, premixed  
8 solution of sodium pentobarbital or an animal tranquilizer to  
9 perform euthanasia on the animals described in this subsection.

10 (e) Certifies that only an individual described in subdivision  
11 (c) or (d) or an individual otherwise permitted to use a controlled  
12 substance pursuant to this article will administer a commercially  
13 prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital or an animal  
14 tranquilizer according to written procedures established by the  
15 animal control shelter or animal protection shelter.

16 (f) Beginning January 1, 2022, certifies that the individual  
17 in charge of the day-to-day operations of the animal control  
18 shelter or animal protection shelter has received, and can document  
19 the completion of, the training described in subdivision (c).

20 (g) Complies with all state and federal laws and regulations  
21 regarding the acquisition, use, and security of controlled  
22 substances.

23 (10) The application described in subsection (8) or (9) must  
24 include the names and addresses of all individuals employed by the  
25 animal control shelter or animal protection shelter or class B  
26 dealer who have been trained as described in subsection (8)(c),  
27 (d), and (f) or (9)(c), (d), and (f) and the name of the  
28 veterinarian who trained them. The list of names and addresses must  
29 be updated every 6 months.



1           (11) If an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter  
2 or class B dealer issued a permit pursuant to subsection (8) or (9)  
3 does not have in its employ an individual trained as described in  
4 subsection (8)(c) or (d) and (8)(f), or (9)(c) or (d) and (9)(f),  
5 the animal control shelter or animal protection shelter or class B  
6 dealer shall immediately notify the administrator and shall cease  
7 to administer a commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium  
8 pentobarbital or an animal tranquilizer for the purposes described  
9 in subsection (8) or (9) until the administrator is notified that 1  
10 of the following has occurred:

11           (a) An individual trained as described in subsection (8)(c),  
12 (d), or (f) or (9)(c), (d), or (f) has been hired by the animal  
13 control shelter or animal protection shelter or class B dealer.

14           (b) An individual employed by the animal control shelter or  
15 animal protection shelter or class B dealer has been trained as  
16 described in subsection (8)(c) or (f) or (9)(c) or (f).

17           (12) A veterinarian, including a veterinarian who trains  
18 individuals as described in subsection (8)(c), (d), or (f), or  
19 (9)(c), (d), or (f), is not civilly or criminally liable for the  
20 use of a commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium  
21 pentobarbital or an animal tranquilizer by an animal control  
22 shelter or animal protection shelter or a class B dealer, unless  
23 the veterinarian is employed by or under contract with the animal  
24 control shelter or animal protection shelter or class B dealer and  
25 the terms of the veterinarian's employment or the contract require  
26 the veterinarian to be responsible for the use or administration of  
27 the commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium  
28 pentobarbital or animal tranquilizer.

29           (13) A person shall not knowingly use or permit the use of a

1 commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium pentobarbital or  
2 an animal tranquilizer in violation of this section.

3 (14) This section does not require that a veterinarian be  
4 employed by or under contract with an animal control shelter or  
5 animal protection shelter or class B dealer to obtain, possess, or  
6 administer a commercially prepared, premixed solution of sodium  
7 pentobarbital or an animal tranquilizer pursuant to this section.

8 (15) Notwithstanding subsections (1) to (5), an animal control  
9 shelter registered with the department of agriculture and rural  
10 development pursuant to 1969 PA 287, MCL 287.331 to 287.340, may  
11 acquire a limited permit only for the purpose of buying,  
12 possessing, and administering an animal tranquilizer to sedate or  
13 immobilize an animal running at large that is dangerous or  
14 difficult to capture, if the animal control shelter does all of the  
15 following:

16 (a) Applies to the administrator for a permit in accordance  
17 with the rules promulgated under this part. The application must  
18 contain the name of the individual in charge of the day-to-day  
19 operations of the animal control shelter and the name of the  
20 individual responsible for designating employees who will be  
21 administering an animal tranquilizer pursuant to this act.

22 (b) Complies with the rules promulgated by the administrator  
23 for the storage, handling, and use of an animal tranquilizer. The  
24 animal control shelter shall maintain a record of use and shall  
25 make the record available for inspection by the department of  
26 licensing and regulatory affairs and the department of agriculture  
27 and rural development.

28 (c) Subject to subdivision (d), certifies that an employee of  
29 the animal control shelter has received, and can document

1 completion of, both of the following in the following order:

2 (i) The training described in subsection (9)(c).

3 (ii) A minimum of 16 hours of training, including at least 12  
4 hours of content training and at least 4 hours of practical  
5 training, in the use of animal tranquilizers to sedate or  
6 immobilize the animals described in this subsection from a training  
7 program approved by the state veterinarian, in consultation with  
8 the Michigan board of veterinary medicine, and given by a licensed  
9 veterinarian pursuant to rules promulgated by the administrator.

10 (d) Until December 31, 2021, ensures that an employee of the  
11 animal control shelter who received, and can document the  
12 completion of, the training required immediately before ~~the~~  
13 ~~effective date of the 2018 amendatory act that amended this section~~  
14 **May 22, 2018** only administers a commercially prepared solution of  
15 xylazine hydrochloride to sedate or immobilize the animals  
16 described in this subsection. Beginning January 1, 2022, the  
17 employee described in this subdivision must have received, and be  
18 able to document the completion of, the training described in  
19 subdivision (c) to administer an animal tranquilizer to perform  
20 euthanasia on the animals described in this subsection.

21 (e) Certifies that only an individual described in subdivision  
22 (c) or (d) or an individual otherwise permitted to use a controlled  
23 substance pursuant to this article will administer an animal  
24 tranquilizer according to written procedures established by the  
25 animal control shelter.

26 (f) Beginning January 1, 2022, certifies that the individual  
27 in charge of the day-to-day operations of the animal control  
28 shelter has received, and can document the completion of, the  
29 training described in subdivision (c).

1 (g) Complies with all state and federal laws, rules, and  
2 regulations regarding the acquisition, use, and security of  
3 controlled substances.

4 (16) The application described in subsection (15) must include  
5 the names and business addresses of all individuals employed by the  
6 animal control shelter who have been trained as described in  
7 subsection (15)(c), (d), and (f) and must include documented proof  
8 of the training. The list of names and business addresses must be  
9 updated every 6 months.

10 (17) If an animal control shelter issued a permit pursuant to  
11 subsection (15) does not have in its employ an individual trained  
12 as described in subsection (15)(c) ~~or~~ (d) and (15)(f), the animal  
13 control shelter shall immediately notify the administrator and  
14 shall cease to administer an animal tranquilizer for the purposes  
15 described in subsection (15) until the administrator is notified  
16 that 1 of the following has occurred:

17 (a) An individual trained as described in subsection (15)(c),  
18 (d), or (f) has been hired by the animal control shelter.

19 (b) An individual employed by the animal control shelter has  
20 been trained as described in subsection (15)(c) or (f).

21 (18) A veterinarian, including a veterinarian who trains  
22 individuals as described in subsection (15)(c), (d), or (f), is not  
23 civilly or criminally liable for the use of an animal tranquilizer  
24 by an animal control shelter unless the veterinarian is employed by  
25 or under contract with the animal control shelter and the terms of  
26 the veterinarian's employment or the contract require the  
27 veterinarian to be responsible for the use or administration of an  
28 animal tranquilizer.

29 (19) As used in this section:

1 (a) "Animal tranquilizer" means a commercially prepared  
2 solution of xylazine hydrochloride, a commercially prepared  
3 solution of ketamine, or a commercially prepared compound  
4 containing tiletamine and zolazepam.

5 (b) "Class B dealer" means a class B dealer licensed by the  
6 United States Department of Agriculture pursuant to the animal  
7 welfare act, 7 USC 2131 to 2159 and the department of agriculture  
8 and rural development pursuant to 1969 PA 224, MCL 287.381 to  
9 287.395.

10 **Sec. 7333c. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,**  
11 **beginning January 1, 2021, a prescription for a controlled**  
12 **substance that is an opioid or a benzodiazepine must be transmitted**  
13 **electronically to a pharmacy in a manner that complies with section**  
14 **17754. An electronically transmitted prescription must include the**  
15 **information described in section 17754 and must be transmitted**  
16 **directly to a pharmacy of the patient's choice by the prescriber or**  
17 **the prescriber's authorized agent.**

18 (2) If a prescriber cannot meet the requirements of subsection  
19 (1), the prescriber may apply to the department of licensing and  
20 regulatory affairs for a waiver. The department of licensing and  
21 regulatory affairs shall grant the prescriber a waiver if that  
22 department determines that the prescriber cannot meet the  
23 requirements of subsection (1) due to an economic hardship, a  
24 technological limitation that is not reasonably within the control  
25 of the prescriber, or another exceptional circumstance. A  
26 prescriber who is granted a waiver under this subsection shall  
27 notify the department of licensing and regulatory affairs in  
28 writing if he or she is subsequently able to meet the requirements  
29 of subsection (1). A waiver that is granted under this subsection

1 is valid for a period not to exceed 1 year and is renewable.

2 (3) This section does not apply under any of the following  
3 circumstances:

4 (a) If the prescription is issued by a prescriber who is a  
5 veterinarian.

6 (b) If the prescription is issued under a circumstance in  
7 which electronic transmission is not available due to a temporary  
8 technological or electrical failure.

9 (c) If the prescription is issued by a prescriber who has  
10 received a waiver under subsection (2).

11 (d) If the prescription is issued by a prescriber who  
12 reasonably believes that electronically transmitting the  
13 prescription would make it impractical for the patient who is the  
14 subject of the prescription to fill the prescription in a timely  
15 manner and that the delay would adversely affect the patient's  
16 medical condition.

17 (e) If the prescription is orally prescribed under section  
18 7333(3) or (4).

19 (f) If the prescription is issued by a prescriber to be  
20 dispensed outside of this state.

21 (g) If the prescription is issued by a prescriber who is  
22 located outside of this state to be dispensed by a pharmacy located  
23 inside of this state.

24 (h) If the prescription is issued and dispensed in the same  
25 health care facility and the individual for whom the prescription  
26 is issued uses the drug exclusively in the health care facility. As  
27 used in this subdivision, "health care facility" includes, but is  
28 not limited to, a hospital, hospice, or another long-term care  
29 facility that provides rehabilitative, restorative, or ongoing

1 skilled nursing care to an individual who is in need of assistance  
2 with activities of daily living.

3 (i) If the prescription contains content that is not supported  
4 by the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs  
5 Prescriber/Pharmacist Interface SCRIPT Standard.

6 (j) If the prescription is for a drug for which the Food and  
7 Drug Administration requires the prescription to contain content  
8 that cannot be transmitted electronically.

9 (k) If the prescription is issued under circumstances in which  
10 the prescriber is not required to include on the prescription a  
11 name of a patient for whom the prescription is issued.

12 (l) If the prescription is issued by a prescriber who is  
13 prescribing the drug under a research protocol.

14 (m) If the prescription is for a drug that is administered to  
15 the individual for whom the drug is prescribed in a hospital,  
16 nursing home, hospice, dialysis treatment clinic, freestanding  
17 surgical outpatient facility, or assisted living residence.

18 (4) A pharmacist who receives a prescription for a controlled  
19 substance described in this section that was not transmitted  
20 electronically to the pharmacy may dispense the prescription as  
21 provided in section 7333 without determining whether an exception  
22 under subsection (3) applies.

23 (5) As used in this section, "electronically transmitted  
24 prescription" means that term as defined in section 17703.

25 Sec. 16221. Subject to section 16221b, the department shall  
26 investigate any allegation that 1 or more of the grounds for  
27 disciplinary subcommittee action under this section exist, and may  
28 investigate activities related to the practice of a health  
29 profession by a licensee, a registrant, or an applicant for

1 licensure or registration. The department may hold hearings,  
2 administer oaths, and order the taking of relevant testimony. After  
3 its investigation, the department shall provide a copy of the  
4 administrative complaint to the appropriate disciplinary  
5 subcommittee. The disciplinary subcommittee shall proceed under  
6 section 16226 if it finds that 1 or more of the following grounds  
7 exist:

8 (a) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section,  
9 a violation of general duty, consisting of negligence or failure to  
10 exercise due care, including negligent delegation to or supervision  
11 of employees or other individuals, whether or not injury results,  
12 or any conduct, practice, or condition that impairs, or may impair,  
13 the ability to safely and skillfully engage in the practice of the  
14 health profession.

15 (b) Personal disqualifications, consisting of 1 or more of the  
16 following:

17 (i) Incompetence.

18 (ii) Subject to sections 16165 to 16170a, substance use  
19 disorder as defined in section 100d of the mental health code, 1974  
20 PA 258, MCL 330.1100d.

21 (iii) Mental or physical inability reasonably related to and  
22 adversely affecting the licensee's or registrant's ability to  
23 practice in a safe and competent manner.

24 (iv) Declaration of mental incompetence by a court of competent  
25 jurisdiction.

26 (v) Conviction of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for  
27 a maximum term of 2 years; conviction of a misdemeanor involving  
28 the illegal delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance;  
29 or conviction of any felony other than a felony listed or described



1 in another subparagraph of this subdivision. A certified copy of  
2 the court record is conclusive evidence of the conviction.

3 (vi) Lack of good moral character.

4 (vii) Conviction of a criminal offense under section 520e or  
5 520g of the Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520e and  
6 750.520g. A certified copy of the court record is conclusive  
7 evidence of the conviction.

8 (viii) Conviction of a violation of section 492a of the Michigan  
9 penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.492a. A certified copy of the  
10 court record is conclusive evidence of the conviction.

11 (ix) Conviction of a misdemeanor or felony involving fraud in  
12 obtaining or attempting to obtain fees related to the practice of a  
13 health profession. A certified copy of the court record is  
14 conclusive evidence of the conviction.

15 (x) Final adverse administrative action by a licensure,  
16 registration, disciplinary, or certification board involving the  
17 holder of, or an applicant for, a license or registration regulated  
18 by another state or a territory of the United States, by the United  
19 States military, by the federal government, or by another country.  
20 A certified copy of the record of the board is conclusive evidence  
21 of the final action.

22 (xi) Conviction of a misdemeanor that is reasonably related to  
23 or that adversely affects the licensee's or registrant's ability to  
24 practice in a safe and competent manner. A certified copy of the  
25 court record is conclusive evidence of the conviction.

26 (xii) Conviction of a violation of section 430 of the Michigan  
27 penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.430. A certified copy of the court  
28 record is conclusive evidence of the conviction.

29 (xiii) Conviction of a criminal offense under section 83, 84,

1 316, 317, 321, 520b, 520c, 520d, or 520f of the Michigan penal  
 2 code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.83, 750.84, 750.316, 750.317, 750.321,  
 3 750.520b, 750.520c, 750.520d, and 750.520f. A certified copy of the  
 4 court record is conclusive evidence of the conviction.

5 (xiv) Conviction of a violation of section 136 or 136a of the  
 6 Michigan penal code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.136 and 750.136a. A  
 7 certified copy of the court record is conclusive evidence of the  
 8 conviction.

9 (c) Prohibited acts, consisting of 1 or more of the following:

10 (i) Fraud or deceit in obtaining or renewing a license or  
 11 registration.

12 (ii) Permitting a license or registration to be used by an  
 13 unauthorized person.

14 (iii) Practice outside the scope of a license.

15 (iv) Obtaining, possessing, or attempting to obtain or possess  
 16 a controlled substance as defined in section 7104 or a drug as  
 17 defined in section 7105 without lawful authority; or selling,  
 18 prescribing, giving away, or administering drugs for other than  
 19 lawful diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

20 (d) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section,  
 21 unethical business practices, consisting of 1 or more of the  
 22 following:

23 (i) False or misleading advertising.

24 (ii) Dividing fees for referral of patients or accepting  
 25 kickbacks on medical or surgical services, appliances, or  
 26 medications purchased by or in behalf of patients.

27 (iii) Fraud or deceit in obtaining or attempting to obtain third  
 28 party reimbursement.

29 (e) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section,

1 unprofessional conduct, consisting of 1 or more of the following:

2 (i) Misrepresentation to a consumer or patient or in obtaining  
3 or attempting to obtain third party reimbursement in the course of  
4 professional practice.

5 (ii) Betrayal of a professional confidence.

6 (iii) Promotion for personal gain of an unnecessary drug,  
7 device, treatment, procedure, or service.

8 (iv) Either of the following:

9 (A) A requirement by a licensee other than a physician or a  
10 registrant that an individual purchase or secure a drug, device,  
11 treatment, procedure, or service from another person, place,  
12 facility, or business in which the licensee or registrant has a  
13 financial interest.

14 (B) A referral by a physician for a designated health service  
15 that violates 42 USC 1395nn or a regulation promulgated under that  
16 section. For purposes of this subdivision, 42 USC 1395nn and the  
17 regulations promulgated under that section as they exist on June 3,  
18 2002 are incorporated by reference. A disciplinary subcommittee  
19 shall apply 42 USC 1395nn and the regulations promulgated under  
20 that section regardless of the source of payment for the designated  
21 health service referred and rendered. If 42 USC 1395nn or a  
22 regulation promulgated under that section is revised after June 3,  
23 2002, the department shall officially take notice of the revision.  
24 Within 30 days after taking notice of the revision, the department  
25 shall decide whether or not the revision pertains to referral by  
26 physicians for designated health services and continues to protect  
27 the public from inappropriate referrals by physicians. If the  
28 department decides that the revision does both of those things, the  
29 department may promulgate rules to incorporate the revision by

1 reference. If the department does promulgate rules to incorporate  
2 the revision by reference, the department shall not make any  
3 changes to the revision. As used in this sub-subparagraph,  
4 "designated health service" means that term as defined in 42 USC  
5 1395nn and the regulations promulgated under that section and  
6 "physician" means that term as defined in sections 17001 and 17501.

7 (v) For a physician who makes referrals under 42 USC 1395nn or  
8 a regulation promulgated under that section, refusing to accept a  
9 reasonable proportion of patients eligible for Medicaid and  
10 refusing to accept payment from Medicaid or Medicare as payment in  
11 full for a treatment, procedure, or service for which the physician  
12 refers the individual and in which the physician has a financial  
13 interest. A physician who owns all or part of a facility in which  
14 he or she provides surgical services is not subject to this  
15 subparagraph if a referred surgical procedure he or she performs in  
16 the facility is not reimbursed at a minimum of the appropriate  
17 Medicaid or Medicare outpatient fee schedule, including the  
18 combined technical and professional components.

19 (vi) Any conduct by a health professional with a patient while  
20 he or she is acting within the health profession for which he or  
21 she is licensed or registered, including conduct initiated by a  
22 patient or to which the patient consents, that is sexual or may  
23 reasonably be interpreted as sexual, including, but not limited to,  
24 sexual intercourse, kissing in a sexual manner, or touching of a  
25 body part for any purpose other than appropriate examination,  
26 treatment, or comfort.

27 (vii) Offering to provide practice-related services, such as  
28 drugs, in exchange for sexual favors.

29 (viii) A violation of section 16655(4) by a dental therapist.

1 (f) Failure to notify under section 16222(3) or (4).

2 (g) Failure to report a change of name or mailing address as  
3 required in section 16192.

4 (h) A violation, or aiding or abetting in a violation, of this  
5 article or of a rule promulgated under this article.

6 (i) Failure to comply with a subpoena issued pursuant to this  
7 part, failure to respond to a complaint issued under this article,  
8 article 7, or article 8, failure to appear at a compliance  
9 conference or an administrative hearing, or failure to report under  
10 section 16222(1) or 16223.

11 (j) Failure to pay an installment of an assessment levied  
12 under the insurance code of 1956, 1956 PA 218, MCL 500.100 to  
13 500.8302, within 60 days after notice by the appropriate board.

14 (k) A violation of section 17013 or 17513.

15 (l) Failure to meet 1 or more of the requirements for licensure  
16 or registration under section 16174.

17 (m) A violation of section 17015, 17015a, 17017, 17515, or  
18 17517.

19 (n) A violation of section 17016 or 17516.

20 (o) Failure to comply with section 9206(3).

21 (p) A violation of section 5654 or 5655.

22 (q) A violation of section 16274.

23 (r) A violation of section 17020 or 17520.

24 (s) A violation of the medical records access act, 2004 PA 47,  
25 MCL 333.26261 to 333.26271.

26 (t) A violation of section 17764(2).

27 (u) Failure to comply with the terms of a practice agreement  
28 described in section 17047(2) (a) or (b), 17547(2) (a) or (b), or  
29 18047(2) (a) or (b).

- 1 (v) A violation of section 7303a(2).
- 2 (w) A violation of section 7303a(4) or (5).
- 3 (x) A violation of section 7303b.

4 **(y) A violation of section 7333c.**

5 Sec. 16226. (1) After finding the existence of 1 or more of  
 6 the grounds for disciplinary subcommittee action listed in section  
 7 16221, a disciplinary subcommittee shall impose 1 or more of the  
 8 following sanctions for each violation:

9 <u>Violations of Section 16221</u>	<u>Sanctions</u>
10 Subdivision (a), (b) (i), (b) (ii),	Probation, limitation, denial,
11 (b) (iii), (b) (iv), (b) (v), (b) (vi),	suspension, revocation, permanent
12 (b) (vii), (b) (ix), (b) (x), (b) (xi),	revocation, restitution, or
13 or (b) (xii)	fine.
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15 Subdivision (b) (viii)	Revocation, permanent revocation,
16	or denial.
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18 Subdivision (b) (xiii)	Permanent revocation for a
19	violation described in subsection
20	(5); otherwise, probation,
21	limitation, denial, suspension,
22	revocation, restitution, or
23	fine.
24	
25 Subdivision (b) (xiv)	Permanent revocation.
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27 Subdivision (c) (i)	Denial, revocation, suspension,
28	probation, limitation, or fine.

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2	Subdivision (c) (ii)	Denial, suspension, revocation,
3		restitution, or fine.
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5	Subdivision (c) (iii)	Probation, denial, suspension,
6		revocation, restitution, or fine.
7		
8	Subdivision (c) (iv) or (d) (iii)	Fine, probation, denial,
9		suspension, revocation, permanent
10		revocation, or restitution.
11		
12	Subdivision (d) (i) or (d) (ii)	Reprimand, fine, probation,
13		denial, or restitution.
14		
15	Subdivision (e) (i), (e) (iii),	Reprimand, fine, probation,
16	(e) (iv), (e) (v), (h), or (s)	limitation, suspension,
17		revocation, permanent revocation,
18		denial, or restitution.
19		
20	Subdivision (e) (ii) or <del>(i)</del> (i)	Reprimand, probation, suspension,
21		revocation, permanent
22		revocation, restitution, denial,
23		or fine.
24		
25	Subdivision (e) (vi), (e) (vii), or	Probation, suspension,
26	(e) (iii)	revocation, limitation, denial,
27		restitution, or fine.
28		

1	Subdivision (f)	Reprimand, denial, limitation,
2		probation, or fine.
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4	Subdivision (g)	Reprimand or fine.
5		
6	Subdivision (j)	Suspension or fine.
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8	Subdivision (k), (p), or (r)	Reprimand, probation, suspension,
9		revocation, permanent revocation,
10		or fine.
11		
12	Subdivision (l)	Reprimand, denial, or limitation.
13		
14	Subdivision (m) or (o)	Denial, revocation, restitution,
15		probation, suspension,
16		limitation, reprimand, or fine.
17		
18	Subdivision (n)	Revocation or denial.
19		
20	Subdivision (q)	Revocation.
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22	Subdivision (t)	Revocation, permanent revocation,
23		fine, or restitution.
24		
25	Subdivision (u)	Denial, revocation, probation,
26		suspension, limitation,
27		reprimand, or fine.
28		



1 Subdivision (v) or (x) Probation, limitation, denial,  
2 fine, suspension, revocation, or  
3 permanent revocation.  
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5 Subdivision (w) Denial, fine, reprimand,  
6 probation, limitation,  
7 suspension, revocation, or  
8 permanent revocation.  
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10 **Subdivision (y) Subject to subsection (7), fine.**

11 (2) Determination of sanctions for violations under this  
12 section shall be made by a disciplinary subcommittee. If, during  
13 judicial review, the court of appeals determines that a final  
14 decision or order of a disciplinary subcommittee prejudices  
15 substantial rights of the petitioner for 1 or more of the grounds  
16 listed in section 106 of the administrative procedures act of 1969,  
17 ~~1969 PA 306, MCL 24.306~~, and holds that the final decision or order  
18 is unlawful and is to be set aside, the court shall state on the  
19 record the reasons for the holding and may remand the case to the  
20 disciplinary subcommittee for further consideration.

21 (3) A disciplinary subcommittee may impose a fine in an amount  
22 that does not exceed \$250,000.00 for a violation of section  
23 16221(a) or (b). A disciplinary subcommittee shall impose a fine of  
24 at least \$25,000.00 if the violation of section 16221(a) or (b)  
25 results in the death of 1 or more patients.

26 (4) A disciplinary subcommittee may require a licensee or  
27 registrant or an applicant for licensure or registration who has  
28 violated this article, article 7, or article 8 or a rule  
29 promulgated under this article, article 7, or article 8 to

1 satisfactorily complete an educational program, a training program,  
2 or a treatment program, a mental, physical, or professional  
3 competence examination, or a combination of those programs and  
4 examinations.

5 (5) A disciplinary subcommittee shall impose the sanction of  
6 permanent revocation for a violation of section 16221(b) (xiii) if the  
7 violation occurred while the licensee or registrant was acting  
8 within the health profession for which he or she was licensed or  
9 registered.

10 (6) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (5) and this  
11 subsection, a disciplinary subcommittee shall not impose the  
12 sanction of permanent revocation under this section without a  
13 finding that the licensee or registrant engaged in a pattern of  
14 intentional acts of fraud or deceit resulting in personal financial  
15 gain to the licensee or registrant and harm to the health of  
16 patients under the licensee's or registrant's care. This subsection  
17 does not apply if a disciplinary subcommittee finds that a licensee  
18 or registrant has violated section 16221(b) (xiv) .

19 **(7) A disciplinary subcommittee shall impose a fine of \$250.00**  
20 **for each violation of section 16221(y) . However, the aggregate fine**  
21 **that a disciplinary subcommittee imposes on a licensee or**  
22 **registrant for multiple violation of section 16221(y) must not**  
23 **exceed \$5,000.00 in 1 calendar year.**