

# HOUSE BILL No. 1131

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-22.5-2-7.

**Synopsis:** Study on the use and prescribing of methadone. Requires the medical licensing board to research the use and prescribing of methadone and to adopt rules establishing standards and protocols for the prescribing of methadone. Requires the health finance commission to study the use and prescribing of methadone in Indiana and the feasibility of restricting the prescribing of methadone.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 9, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.232-2013,  
2 SECTION 16, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2014]: Sec. 7. (a) The board shall do the following:  
4 (1) Adopt rules and forms necessary to implement this article that  
5 concern, but are not limited to, the following areas:  
6 (A) Qualification by education, residence, citizenship,  
7 training, and character for admission to an examination for  
8 licensure or by endorsement for licensure.  
9 (B) The examination for licensure.  
10 (C) The license or permit.  
11 (D) Fees for examination, permit, licensure, and registration.  
12 (E) Reinstatement of licenses and permits.  
13 (F) Payment of costs in disciplinary proceedings conducted by  
14 the board.  
15 (2) Administer oaths in matters relating to the discharge of the  
16 board's official duties.



- 1 (3) Enforce this article and assign to the personnel of the agency  
 2 duties as may be necessary in the discharge of the board's duty.
- 3 (4) Maintain, through the agency, full and complete records of all  
 4 applicants for licensure or permit and of all licenses and permits  
 5 issued.
- 6 (5) Make available, upon request, the complete schedule of  
 7 minimum requirements for licensure or permit.
- 8 (6) Issue, at the board's discretion, a temporary permit to an  
 9 applicant for the interim from the date of application until the  
 10 next regular meeting of the board.
- 11 (7) Issue an unlimited license, a limited license, or a temporary  
 12 medical permit, depending upon the qualifications of the  
 13 applicant, to any applicant who successfully fulfills all of the  
 14 requirements of this article.
- 15 (8) Adopt rules establishing standards for the competent practice  
 16 of medicine, osteopathic medicine, or any other form of practice  
 17 regulated by a limited license or permit issued under this article.
- 18 (9) Adopt rules regarding the appropriate prescribing of Schedule  
 19 III or Schedule IV controlled substances for the purpose of weight  
 20 reduction or to control obesity.
- 21 (10) Adopt rules establishing standards for office based  
 22 procedures that require moderate sedation, deep sedation, or  
 23 general anesthesia.
- 24 (11) Adopt rules or protocol establishing the following:
- 25 (A) An education program to be used to educate women with  
 26 high breast density.
- 27 (B) Standards for providing an annual screening or diagnostic  
 28 test for a woman who is at least forty (40) years of age and  
 29 who has been determined to have high breast density.
- 30 As used in this subdivision, "high breast density" means a  
 31 condition in which there is a greater amount of breast and  
 32 connective tissue in comparison to fat in the breast.
- 33 (12) Adopt rules establishing standards and protocols for the  
 34 prescribing of controlled substances.
- 35 (13) Adopt rules as set forth in IC 25-23.4 concerning the  
 36 certification of certified direct entry midwives.
- 37 **(14) Research the use and prescribing of methadone,  
 38 including whether methadone should be used in the treatment  
 39 of addiction.**
- 40 **(15) Based on the board's findings under subdivision (14),  
 41 adopt rules establishing standards and protocols for the  
 42 prescribing of methadone.**



- 1 (b) The board may adopt rules that establish:
- 2 (1) certification requirements for child death pathologists;
- 3 (2) an annual training program for child death pathologists under
- 4 IC 16-35-7-3(b)(2); and
- 5 (3) a process to certify a qualified child death pathologist.
- 6 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014] (a) **During the 2014**
- 7 **legislative interim, the health finance commission established by**
- 8 **IC 2-5-23-3 shall study:**
- 9 (1) **the use and prescribing of methadone in Indiana; and**
- 10 (2) **the feasibility of restricting the prescribing of methadone**
- 11 **in Indiana.**
- 12 (b) **The medical licensing board of Indiana shall report to the**
- 13 **commission on the board's research on the use and prescribing of**
- 14 **methadone described in IC 25-22.5-2-7(a)(14), as amended by this**
- 15 **act.**
- 16 (c) **This SECTION expires December 31, 2014.**

