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CHAPTER 325

AN ACT to amend 147.13 (1) and (2) and 147.195 of the statutes, relating to the board of medical examiners and the medical grievance committee.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 147.13 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

147.13 (1) The * * * Wisconsin state board of medical examiners * * * shall consist of 8 members appointed by the governor, 7 of whom shall be licensed resident doctors of medicine and one of whom shall be a licensed resident doctor of osteopathy. The 7 doctors of medicine may, but need not, be selected from nominees of the state medical society and the doctor of osteopathy from nominees of the Wisconsin osteopathic association. The appointment of each member shall be for 4 years. No instructor, stockholder, member of, or person financially interested in any school, college or university having a medical department, or of any school of osteopathy, shall be eligible. * * * Each member of the board * * * shall be paid such compensation as the board determines, and, except for the secretary, * * * not more than * * * \$15 per day, when actually and necessarily engaged in his duties. *The secretary shall receive such compensation as the board determines, but not less than \$1,800 annually.*

(2) The board shall * * * hold its annual meeting on the second Tuesday of January at Madison, and * * * it shall meet at least 3 other times during the year at such places as it determines. It shall elect annually at its January meeting a president * * *, a * * * vice president and a secretary-treasurer. *The board shall maintain its office in Madison. The president, vice president or * * * secretary-treasurer may administer oaths. The secretary-treasurer shall furnish such bond as the board shall require, and shall receive all moneys and pay the same into the state treasury.*

SECTION 2. 147.195 of the statutes is amended to read:

147.195. The state health officer, the * * * president of the state board of medical examiners, and the attorney-general or deputy attorney-general are hereby constituted ex officio a state medical grievance committee, to investigate, hear, and act upon practices by persons licensed to practice medicine and surgery under s. 147.17, that are inimical to the public health. The state health officer shall be chairman of the committee. Meetings of the committee shall be held at the call of the chairman. Any member thereof shall have power to subpoena and swear witnesses, and take evidence. The committee shall have the power to warn and to reprimand, when they find such practice, and to institute criminal action or action to revoke license when they find also probable cause therefor under criminal or revocation statute, and the attorney-general may aid the district attorney in the prosecution thereof. The records of said committee shall be kept by and be in the custody of the chairman thereof. No member of said committee shall receive any extra compensation therefor, nor other than his actual expenditures in attending upon his duties thereon. *All divisions, officials and employees of state and local government are authorized to co-*

operate with the committee in conducting investigations and by making available to it pertinent data in their possession.

SECTION 3. Of this act, "Section 1" shall take effect January 1, 1954 and "Section 2" shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Approved June 26, 1953.
