

ASSEMBLY BILL**No. 2685**

Introduced by Committee on Business and Professions (Assembly Members Berman (Chair), Flora (Vice Chair), Bloom, Mia Bonta, Chen, Cunningham, Megan Dahle, Fong, Gipson, Grayson, Irwin, Lee, McCarty, Medina, Mullin, Ting, and Akilah Weber)

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An act to amend Section 3621 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2685, as introduced, Committee on Business and Professions. Naturopathic Doctors Act: Naturopathic Medicine Committee.

Existing law, the Naturopathic Doctors Act, establishes the Naturopathic Medicine Committee within the Osteopathic Medical Board of California for the licensure and regulation of naturopathic doctors. Existing law requires the committee to consist of 9 members, including 7 professional members appointed by the Governor, one public member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one public member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly.

This bill would specify that each appointing authority for the committee has power to remove from office at any time a member of the committee appointed by that authority for continued neglect of duties required by law, or for incompetence, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct. This bill would also make nonsubstantive changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3621 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:

3 3621. (a) The committee shall consist of nine members,
4 consisting of seven professional members appointed by the
5 Governor, one public member appointed by the Senate Committee
6 on Rules, and one public member appointed by the Speaker of the
7 Assembly. Members of the committee shall include five members
8 who are California licensed naturopathic doctors, two members
9 who are California licensed physicians and surgeons, and two
10 public members.

11 (b) A member of the committee shall be appointed for a
12 four-year term. A person shall not serve as a member of the
13 committee for more than two consecutive terms. A member shall
14 hold office until the appointment and qualification of ~~his or her~~
15 *the member's* successor, or until one year from the expiration of
16 the term for which the member was appointed, whichever first
17 occurs. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for unexpired
18 terms.

19 (c) (1) A public member of the committee shall be a resident
20 of this state for at least five years preceding ~~his or her~~ *the public*
21 *member's* appointment.

22 (2) A person shall not be appointed as a public member if the
23 person or the person's immediate family in any manner owns an
24 interest in a college, school, or institution engaged in naturopathic
25 education, or the person or the person's immediate family has an
26 economic interest in naturopathy or has any other conflict of
27 interest. "Immediate family" means the public member's spouse,
28 parents, children, or ~~his or her~~ children's spouses.

29 (d) Each member of the committee shall receive a per diem and
30 expenses as provided in Section 103.

31 (e) The committee may appoint a person exempt from civil
32 service who shall be designated as an executive officer and who
33 shall exercise the powers and perform the duties delegated by the
34 committee and vested in ~~him or her~~ *the executive officer* by this
35 chapter.

1 *(f) Each appointing authority has power to remove from office*
2 *at any time any member of the committee appointed by that*
3 *authority pursuant to Section 106.*

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