

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND Senate Substitute for Senate Bill No. 621, Page 1, In the Title, Line 3, by deleting the  
2 word "telehealth" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "health care"; and

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4 Further amend said bill, Page 11, Section 208.686, Line 66, by inserting immediately after all of  
5 said section and line the following:

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7 "324.001. 1. For the purposes of this section, the following terms mean:

8 (1) "Department", the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional  
9 registration;

10 (2) "Director", the director of the division of professional registration; and

11 (3) "Division", the division of professional registration.

12 2. There is hereby established a "Division of Professional Registration" assigned to the  
13 department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration as a type III transfer,  
14 headed by a director appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. All of the  
15 general provisions, definitions and powers enumerated in section 1 of the Omnibus State  
16 Reorganization Act of 1974 and Executive Order 06-04 shall apply to this department and its  
17 divisions, agencies, and personnel.

18 3. The director of the division of professional registration shall promulgate rules and  
19 regulations which designate for each board or commission assigned to the division the renewal date  
20 for licenses or certificates. After the initial establishment of renewal dates, no director of the  
21 division shall promulgate a rule or regulation which would change the renewal date for licenses or  
22 certificates if such change in renewal date would occur prior to the date on which the renewal date  
23 in effect at the time such new renewal date is specified next occurs. Each board or commission  
24 shall by rule or regulation establish licensing periods of one, two, or three years. Registration fees  
25 set by a board or commission shall be effective for the entire licensing period involved, and shall  
26 not be increased during any current licensing period. Persons who are required to pay their first  
27 registration fees shall be allowed to pay the pro rata share of such fees for the remainder of the  
28 period remaining at the time the fees are paid. Each board or commission shall provide the  
29 necessary forms for initial registration, and thereafter the director may prescribe standard forms for  
30 renewal of licenses and certificates. Each board or commission shall by rule and regulation require  
31 each applicant to provide the information which is required to keep the board's records current.  
32 Each board or commission shall have the authority to collect and analyze information required to  
33 support workforce planning and policy development. Such information shall not be publicly  
34 disclosed so as to identify a specific health care provider, as defined in section 376.1350. Each  
35 board or commission shall issue the original license or certificate.

36 4. The division shall provide clerical and other staff services relating to the issuance and  
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1 renewal of licenses for all the professional licensing and regulating boards and commissions  
2 assigned to the division. The division shall perform the financial management and clerical functions  
3 as they each relate to issuance and renewal of licenses and certificates. "Issuance and renewal of  
4 licenses and certificates" means the ministerial function of preparing and delivering licenses or  
5 certificates, and obtaining material and information for the board or commission in connection with  
6 the renewal thereof. It does not include any discretionary authority with regard to the original  
7 review of an applicant's qualifications for licensure or certification, or the subsequent review of  
8 licensee's or certificate holder's qualifications, or any disciplinary action contemplated against the  
9 licensee or certificate holder. The division may develop and implement microfilming systems and  
10 automated or manual management information systems.

11 5. The director of the division shall maintain a system of accounting and budgeting, in  
12 cooperation with the director of the department, the office of administration, and the state auditor's  
13 office, to ensure proper charges are made to the various boards for services rendered to them. The  
14 general assembly shall appropriate to the division and other state agencies from each board's funds  
15 moneys sufficient to reimburse the division and other state agencies for all services rendered and all  
16 facilities and supplies furnished to that board.

17 6. For accounting purposes, the appropriation to the division and to the office of  
18 administration for the payment of rent for quarters provided for the division shall be made from the  
19 "Professional Registration Fees Fund", which is hereby created, and is to be used solely for the  
20 purpose defined in subsection 5 of this section. The fund shall consist of moneys deposited into it  
21 from each board's fund. Each board shall contribute a prorated amount necessary to fund the  
22 division for services rendered and rent based upon the system of accounting and budgeting  
23 established by the director of the division as provided in subsection 5 of this section. Transfers of  
24 funds to the professional registration fees fund shall be made by each board on July first of each  
25 year; provided, however, that the director of the division may establish an alternative date or dates  
26 of transfers at the request of any board. Such transfers shall be made until they equal the prorated  
27 amount for services rendered and rent by the division. The provisions of section 33.080 to the  
28 contrary notwithstanding, money in this fund shall not be transferred and placed to the credit of  
29 general revenue.

30 7. The director of the division shall be responsible for collecting and accounting for all  
31 moneys received by the division or its component agencies. Any money received by a board or  
32 commission shall be promptly given, identified by type and source, to the director. The director  
33 shall keep a record by board and state accounting system classification of the amount of revenue the  
34 director receives. The director shall promptly transmit all receipts to the department of revenue for  
35 deposit in the state treasury to the credit of the appropriate fund. The director shall provide each  
36 board with all relevant financial information in a timely fashion. Each board shall cooperate with  
37 the director by providing necessary information.

38 8. All educational transcripts, test scores, complaints, investigatory reports, and information  
39 pertaining to any person who is an applicant or licensee of any agency assigned to the division of  
40 professional registration by statute or by the department are confidential and may not be disclosed to  
41 the public or any member of the public, except with the written consent of the person whose records  
42 are involved. The agency which possesses the records or information shall disclose the records or  
43 information if the person whose records or information is involved has consented to the disclosure.  
44 Each agency is entitled to the attorney-client privilege and work-product privilege to the same  
45 extent as any other person. Provided, however, that any board may disclose confidential  
46 information without the consent of the person involved in the course of voluntary interstate  
47 exchange of information, or in the course of any litigation concerning that person, or pursuant to a  
48 lawful request, or to other administrative or law enforcement agencies acting within the scope of

1 their statutory authority. Information regarding identity, including names and addresses,  
2 registration, and currency of the license of the persons possessing licenses to engage in a  
3 professional occupation and the names and addresses of applicants for such licenses is not  
4 confidential information.

5 9. Any deliberations conducted and votes taken in rendering a final decision after a hearing  
6 before an agency assigned to the division shall be closed to the parties and the public. Once a final  
7 decision is rendered, that decision shall be made available to the parties and the public.

8 10. A compelling governmental interest shall be deemed to exist for the purposes of section  
9 536.025 for licensure fees to be reduced by emergency rule, if the projected fund balance of any  
10 agency assigned to the division of professional registration is reasonably expected to exceed an  
11 amount that would require transfer from that fund to general revenue.

12 11. (1) The following boards and commissions are assigned by specific type transfers to the  
13 division of professional registration: Missouri state board of accountancy, chapter 326; board of  
14 cosmetology and barber examiners, chapters 328 and 329; Missouri board for architects,  
15 professional engineers, professional land surveyors and landscape architects, chapter 327; Missouri  
16 state board of chiropractic examiners, chapter 331; state board of registration for the healing arts,  
17 chapter 334; Missouri dental board, chapter 332; state board of embalmers and funeral directors,  
18 chapter 333; state board of optometry, chapter 336; Missouri state board of nursing, chapter 335;  
19 board of pharmacy, chapter 338; state board of podiatric medicine, chapter 330; Missouri real estate  
20 appraisers commission, chapter 339; and Missouri veterinary medical board, chapter 340. The  
21 governor shall appoint members of these boards by and with the advice and consent of the senate.

22 (2) The boards and commissions assigned to the division shall exercise all their respective  
23 statutory duties and powers, except those clerical and other staff services involving collecting and  
24 accounting for moneys and financial management relating to the issuance and renewal of licenses,  
25 which services shall be provided by the division, within the appropriation therefor. Nothing herein  
26 shall prohibit employment of professional examining or testing services from professional  
27 associations or others as required by the boards or commissions on contract. Nothing herein shall  
28 be construed to affect the power of a board or commission to expend its funds as appropriated.  
29 However, the division shall review the expense vouchers of each board. The results of such review  
30 shall be submitted to the board reviewed and to the house and senate appropriations committees  
31 annually.

32 (3) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the director of the division shall exercise  
33 only those management functions of the boards and commissions specifically provided in the  
34 Reorganization Act of 1974, and those relating to the allocation and assignment of space, personnel  
35 other than board personnel, and equipment.

36 (4) "Board personnel", as used in this section or chapters 317, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331,  
37 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, and 345, shall mean personnel whose functions and  
38 responsibilities are in areas not related to the clerical duties involving the issuance and renewal of  
39 licenses, to the collecting and accounting for moneys, or to financial management relating to  
40 issuance and renewal of licenses; specifically included are executive secretaries (or comparable  
41 positions), consultants, inspectors, investigators, counsel, and secretarial support staff for these  
42 positions; and such other positions as are established and authorized by statute for a particular board  
43 or commission. Boards and commissions may employ legal counsel, if authorized by law, and  
44 temporary personnel if the board is unable to meet its responsibilities with the employees authorized  
45 above. Any board or commission which hires temporary employees shall annually provide the  
46 division director and the appropriation committees of the general assembly with a complete list of  
47 all persons employed in the previous year, the length of their employment, the amount of their  
48 remuneration, and a description of their responsibilities.

1 (5) Board personnel for each board or commission shall be employed by and serve at the  
2 pleasure of the board or commission, shall be supervised as the board or commission designates, and  
3 shall have their duties and compensation prescribed by the board or commission, within  
4 appropriations for that purpose, except that compensation for board personnel shall not exceed that  
5 established for comparable positions as determined by the board or commission pursuant to the job  
6 and pay plan of the department of insurance, financial institutions and professional registration.  
7 Nothing herein shall be construed to permit salaries for any board personnel to be lowered except by  
8 board action.

9 12. All the powers, duties, and functions of the division of athletics, chapter 317, and  
10 others, are assigned by type I transfer to the division of professional registration.

11 13. Wherever the laws, rules, or regulations of this state make reference to the "division of  
12 professional registration of the department of economic development", such references shall be  
13 deemed to refer to the division of professional registration.

14 14. (1) The state board of nursing, board of pharmacy, Missouri dental board, state  
15 committee of psychologists, state board of chiropractic examiners, state board of optometry,  
16 Missouri board of occupational therapy, or state board of registration for the healing arts may  
17 individually or collectively enter into a contractual agreement with the department of health and  
18 senior services, a public institution of higher education, or a nonprofit entity for the purpose of  
19 collecting and analyzing workforce data from its licensees, registrants, or permit holders for future  
20 workforce planning and to assess the accessibility and availability of qualified health care services  
21 and practitioners in Missouri. The boards shall work collaboratively with other state governmental  
22 entities to ensure coordination and avoid duplication of efforts.

23 (2) The boards may expend appropriated funds necessary for operational expenses of the  
24 program formed under this subsection. Each board is authorized to accept grants to fund the  
25 collection or analysis authorized in this subsection. Any such funds shall be deposited in the  
26 respective board's fund.

27 (3) Data collection shall be controlled and approved by the applicable state board  
28 conducting or requesting the collection. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 324.010 and  
29 334.001, the boards may release identifying data to the contractor to facilitate data analysis of the  
30 health care workforce including, but not limited to, geographic, demographic, and practice or  
31 professional characteristics of licensees. The state board shall not request or be authorized to collect  
32 income or other financial earnings data.

33 (4) Data collected under this subsection shall be deemed the property of the state board  
34 requesting the data. Data shall be maintained by the state board in accordance with chapter 610,  
35 provided that any information deemed closed or confidential under subsection 8 of this section or  
36 any other provision of state law shall not be disclosed without consent of the applicable licensee or  
37 entity or as otherwise authorized by law. Data shall only be released in an aggregate form by  
38 geography, profession or professional specialization, or population characteristic in a manner that  
39 cannot be used to identify a specific individual or entity. Data suppression standards shall be  
40 addressed and established in the contractual agreement.

41 (5) Contractors shall maintain the security and confidentiality of data received or collected  
42 under this subsection and shall not use, disclose, or release any data without approval of the  
43 applicable state board. The contractual agreement between the applicable state board and contractor  
44 shall establish a data release and research review policy to include legal and institutional review  
45 board, or agency equivalent, approval.

46 (6) Each board may promulgate rules subject to the provisions of this subsection and  
47 chapter 536 to effectuate and implement the workforce data collection and analysis authorized by  
48 this subsection. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is

1 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it complies with  
2 and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable, section 536.028. This  
3 section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers vested with the general assembly  
4 under chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are  
5 subsequently held unconstitutional, then the grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or  
6 adopted after August 28, 2016, shall be invalid and void."; and

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8 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references  
9 accordingly.