

## CHAPTER 413

(SB 51)

AN ACT relating to osteopathy.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 12 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*Any reference in an executive order to "medical doctor," "M.D.," or "physician" shall be deemed to include a doctor of osteopathy or D.O., unless either of those terms is specifically excluded.*

SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 13A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*Any reference in an administrative regulation to "medical doctor," "M.D.," or "physician" shall be deemed to include a doctor of osteopathy or D.O., unless any of those terms is specifically excluded.*

SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 216B IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no health facility licensed in the Commonwealth shall discriminate with respect to employment, staff, privileges, or the provision of professional services against a physician licensed to practice medicine on the basis of whether the physician holds a medical doctor (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathy (D.O.) degree.*

SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 17A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

*Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no health benefit plan shall discriminate with respect to employment, staff, privileges, or the provision of professional services against a physician licensed to practice medicine on the basis of whether the physician holds a medical doctor (M.D.) or doctor of osteopathy (D.O.) degree.*

SECTION 5. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 446 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) *Any reference in the Kentucky Revised Statutes to "medical doctor," "M.D.," or "physician" shall be deemed to include a doctor of osteopathy or D.O., unless any of those terms is specifically excluded.*
- (2) *Any reference in the Kentucky Revised Statutes to the American Board of Medical Specialties shall include the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialties, unless either of those terms is specifically excluded.*

Section 6. KRS 311.530 is amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created in state government an independent board to be known as the State Board of Medical Licensure which shall exercise all medical and osteopathic licensure functions heretofore exercised by the State Board of Health. The offices of the board shall be maintained at such place as is designated by the board. The board shall consist of **fifteen (15)**~~thirteen (13)~~ members, including the commissioner of public health, the dean of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, the dean of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, *the dean of the*

*Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine*, and *eleven (11)*~~ten (10)~~ members appointed by the Governor. One (1) member shall be a licensed osteopathic physician and shall be appointed from a list of three (3) names submitted by the Kentucky Osteopathic Association. Seven (7) members shall be licensed medical physicians and shall be appointed from a list of three (3) names submitted for each position by the Kentucky Medical Association. *Three (3)*~~Two (2)~~ members shall be citizens at large who are representatives of any recognized consumer advocacy groups with an interest in the delivery of health care and are not associated with or financially interested in the practice or business regulated.

Section 7. This Act may be cited as the Osteopathic and Allopathic Healthcare Nondiscrimination Act of 2000.

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