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VIOLATIONS OF HEALTH CARE INFO PROTECTION AND PRIVACY

House Bill 5229

Sponsor: Rep. Paul N. DeWeese

House Bill 5235

Sponsor: Rep. Andrew Raczkowski

Committee: Health Policy Complete to 11-2-01

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILLS 5229 AND 5235 AS INTRODUCED 10-16-01

Article 15 of the Public Health Code regulates health care professions, charging the Department of Consumer and Industry Services (CIS) with the authority and duties related to licensing and registering health care professionals. CIS may investigate activities related to the practice of a health professional by a licensee, a registrant, or an applicant for licensure or registration. The department may hold hearings and order testimony and must report its findings to the "appropriate disciplinary subcommittee." The chair of each professional board or task force—e.g., the board of nursing or the board of pharmacy—appoints one or more disciplinary subcommittees to impose sanctions on licensees, registrants, or applicants under its jurisdiction for one or more violations enumerated in the general provisions of Article 15.

House Bill 5229 would amend the Public Health Code (MCL 333.16221) to add a violation of the proposed Health Care Information Protection and Privacy Act to the list of grounds for imposing sanctions on a licensee, registrant, or applicant. House Bill 5235 would amend the code (MCL 333.16226) to specify that the disciplinary subcommittee would impose one or more of the following sanctions on a licensee, registrant or applicant for such violations: denial, revocation, suspension, or limitation of a license or registration, restitution, probation, reprimand, community service, or a fine. Each bill is tie-barred to House Bill 4936, which would create the Health Care Information Protection and Privacy Act, but the bills are not tie-barred to one another.

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