

State Medical Board

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- Regulates about 54,000 active licensees

OVERVIEW

Duties and Responsibilities

The mission of the State Medical Board is to protect and enhance the health and welfare of Ohio's citizens through effective medical regulation. The Board is comprised of twelve members, plus five members of the Physicians Assistant Policy Committee who are appointed by the president of the Board. The twelve members of the Board are represented by seven medical doctors (M.D.s), one podiatrist (D.P.M.), one osteopathic physician (D.O.), and three representatives of the general public, two of which cannot be a member of, or associated with, a health care provider or profession. All members are appointed by the Governor and serve five-year terms.

Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code provides statutory authority for the Board's activities. The Board regulates about 54,000 active licensees in the state of Ohio (as of June 30, 2004), with oversight provided for M.D.s, D.O.s, D.P.M.s, and physician assistants (P.A.s). The Board also regulates the practitioners of several limited branches of medicine such as massage therapists (M.T.s), cosmetic therapists (C.T.s), mechanotherapists (D.M.s), acupuncturists, and anesthesiologist assistants (A.A.s). The Board uses numerous methods to help identify unqualified licensees. These include registering complaints, mandatory reports, continuing education audits, probationary compliance monitoring, approval of drug and alcohol treatment providers, and approval of schools for limited branches of practice.

Agency in Brief

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Number of Employees*	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2006	2007	2006	2007	
82*	\$7.47 million	\$7.47 million	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 66

*Employee count obtained from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) payroll reports as of June 2005.

Vetoed Provisions

There were no vetoed provisions for the State Medical Board.

ANALYSIS OF THE ENACTED BUDGET

For budget purposes, as detailed below, the State Medical Board is considered a single program series agency and its activities are not subdivided into separate programs.

Program Series 1

Operating Expenses

Purpose: To protect and enhance the health and welfare of Ohio citizens by regulating the practice of licensed medical and limited branch practitioners.

The following table shows the line items that are used to fund the State Medical Board, as well as the enacted funding levels.

Fund	ALI	Title	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Services Fund				
5C6	883-609	Operating Expenses	\$7,467,317	\$7,467,317
General Services Fund Subtotal			\$7,467,317	\$7,467,317
Total Funding: State Medical Board			\$7,467,317	\$7,467,317

State Medical Board

Program Description: The State Medical Board governs the practice of medicine and the limited branches of medicine, as defined by Chapters 4730. and 4731. of the Revised Code, by licensing medical professionals in a variety of specialties.

Funding Sources: Licensing fees and fine revenues

Implication of the Enacted Budget: The Board received funding of \$7,467,317 in both FY 2006 and FY 2007, which will allow the Board to maintain current service and staffing levels.