

# HOUSE BILL No. 1469

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-22.5-2-7.

**Synopsis:** Study of the use and prescribing of methadone. Requires the medical licensing board of Indiana to research the use and prescribing of methadone, and adopt rules establishing standards and protocols for the prescribing of methadone. Requires the health finance commission to study the use and prescribing of methadone in Indiana and the feasibility of restricting the prescribing of methadone.

**Effective:** July 1, 2013.

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January 22, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Health.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-22.5-2-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2007,
- 2 SECTION 3, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2013]: Sec. 7. (a) The board shall do the following:
- 4 (1) Adopt rules and forms necessary to implement this article that
- 5 concern, but are not limited to, the following areas:
- 6 (A) Qualification by education, residence, citizenship,
- 7 training, and character for admission to an examination for
- 8 licensure or by endorsement for licensure.
- 9 (B) The examination for licensure.
- 10 (C) The license or permit.
- 11 (D) Fees for examination, permit, licensure, and registration.
- 12 (E) Reinstatement of licenses and permits.
- 13 (F) Payment of costs in disciplinary proceedings conducted by
- 14 the board.
- 15 (2) Administer oaths in matters relating to the discharge of its
- 16 official duties.
- 17 (3) Enforce this article and assign to the personnel of the agency



- 1 duties as may be necessary in the discharge of the board's duty.  
 2 (4) Maintain, through the agency, full and complete records of all  
 3 applicants for licensure or permit and of all licenses and permits  
 4 issued.  
 5 (5) Make available, upon request, the complete schedule of  
 6 minimum requirements for licensure or permit.  
 7 (6) Issue, at the board's discretion, a temporary permit to an  
 8 applicant for the interim from the date of application until the  
 9 next regular meeting of the board.  
 10 (7) Issue an unlimited license, a limited license, or a temporary  
 11 medical permit, depending upon the qualifications of the  
 12 applicant, to any applicant who successfully fulfills all of the  
 13 requirements of this article.  
 14 (8) Adopt rules establishing standards for the competent practice  
 15 of medicine, osteopathic medicine, or any other form of practice  
 16 regulated by a limited license or permit issued under this article.  
 17 (9) Adopt rules regarding the appropriate prescribing of Schedule  
 18 III or Schedule IV controlled substances for the purpose of weight  
 19 reduction or to control obesity.  
 20 (10) Adopt rules establishing standards for office based  
 21 procedures that require moderate sedation, deep sedation, or  
 22 general anesthesia.  
 23 **(11) Research the use and prescribing of methadone,  
 24 including whether methadone should be used in the treatment  
 25 of addiction.**  
 26 **(12) Based on the board's findings under subdivision (11),  
 27 adopt rules establishing standards and protocols for the  
 28 prescribing of methadone.**  
 29 (b) The board may adopt rules that establish:  
 30 (1) certification requirements for child death pathologists;  
 31 (2) an annual training program for child death pathologists under  
 32 IC 16-35-7-3(b)(2); and  
 33 (3) a process to certify a qualified child death pathologist.  
 34 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2013] **(a) During the 2013  
 35 legislative interim, the health finance commission established by  
 36 IC 2-5-23-3 shall study:**  
 37 **(1) the use and prescribing of methadone in Indiana; and  
 38 (2) the feasibility of restricting the prescribing of methadone  
 39 in Indiana.**  
 40 **(b) The medical licensing board of Indiana shall report to the  
 41 commission on the board's research on the use and prescribing of  
 42 methadone described in IC 25-22.5-2-7(a)(11), as amended by this**

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2 **(c) This SECTION expires December 31, 2013.**

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