

IC 25-22.5-6

Chapter 6. Discipline; Retirement of Licenses

IC 25-22.5-6-1

Retirement and surrender; inactive status

Sec. 1. (a) Any physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in this state who intends to retire from practice shall notify the board in writing of the physician's intention to retire. Upon receipt of this notice, the board shall record the fact that the physician is retired and excuse the person from further payment of registration fees. If any physician retires the physician's license to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in this state, reinstatement of the license may be considered by the board upon written request. The board may impose any conditions it considers appropriate to the retirement or to the reinstatement of a retired license. If any disciplinary proceedings under this chapter are pending against a physician, the physician may not surrender or retire the physician's license to practice without the written approval of the board.

(b) Any physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathic medicine in this state who intends to become inactive in the practice of medicine shall notify the board in writing that:

- (1) the physician will not maintain an office or practice; and
- (2) if the physician does render a service that constitutes the practice of medicine, the physician will not charge a fee for that service.

The board shall then classify the physician's license as inactive. The renewal fee of the inactive license is one-half (1/2) of the registration fee.

(c) If a physician holding an inactive license intends to maintain an office or practice or charge a fee for the physician's medical services, the physician shall notify the board of the intent to reactivate a license to practice medicine or osteopathy. As a condition of reactivation, the board may require the physician to appear before the board. This personal appearance shall be to establish the physician's work history if the physician's license has been inactive for more than four (4) years and the physician cannot verify active practice history in another jurisdiction during the period in which the physician's Indiana license has been under inactive status. Upon:

- (1) notification;
- (2) receipt of the regular registration fee for a physician's license, less the amount paid for the current inactive license; and
- (3) either:
 - (A) verification of active licensure in another jurisdiction; or
 - (B) completion of other reasonable requirements imposed by the board, after the physician's work history has been established;

the board shall reinstate that physician's license.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.271, SEC.1.) As amended by Acts 1979,

P.L.246, SEC.1; P.L.247-1985, SEC.15; P.L.157-2006, SEC.60.

IC 25-22.5-6-2

Repealed

(Repealed by Acts 1981, P.L.222, SEC.296.)

IC 25-22.5-6-2.1

Repealed

(Repealed by P.L.152-1988, SEC.30.)

IC 25-22.5-6-3

Immunity from civil liability

Sec. 3. The executive director and staff of the agency, counsel, investigators, hearing officers, and the board members are immune from civil liability for damages for conduct within the scope and arising out of the performance of their duties.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.271, SEC.1.) As amended by Acts 1977, P.L.172, SEC.28; Acts 1981, P.L.222, SEC.157; P.L.247-1985, SEC.17; P.L.1-2006, SEC.450.

IC 25-22.5-6-4

Injunctions

Sec. 4. Injunctions. In cases where the continued practice of medicine by an accused is considered harmful to the public or himself, the board may sue to enjoin the accused from practicing medicine or osteopathic medicine until the hearing, provided in section 3 of this chapter, is completed and a decision rendered.

(Formerly: Acts 1975, P.L.271, SEC.1.)