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SENATE BILL 867*

Short Title: County Health Board/Chiropractor.

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Sponsors: Senator Jordan.

Referred to: Children and Human Resources.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT MEMBERSHIP ON COUNTY BOARDS OF HEALTH SHALL INCLUDE LICENSED CHIROPRACTORS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 130A-35 reads as rewritten:

"§ 130A-35. County board of health; appointment; terms.

(a) A county board of health shall be the policy-making, rule-making and adjudicatory body for a county health department.

(b) The members of a county board of health shall be appointed by the county board of commissioners. The board shall be composed of 11 members. The composition of the board shall reasonably reflect the population makeup of the county and shall include: one physician licensed to practice medicine in this State, one licensed dentist, one licensed optometrist, one licensed veterinarian, one licensed chiropractor, one registered nurse, one licensed pharmacist, one county commissioner, one professional engineer, and ~~three~~ two representatives of the general public. All members shall be residents of the county. If there is not a licensed physician, a licensed dentist, a licensed optometrist, a licensed veterinarian, a licensed chiropractor, a registered nurse, a licensed pharmacist, or a professional engineer available for appointment, an additional representative of the general public shall be appointed. If however, one of the designated professions has only one person residing in the county, the county commissioners shall have the option of appointing that person or a member of the general public.

(c) Except as provided in this subsection, members of a county board of health shall serve three-year terms. No member may serve more than three consecutive three-

1 year terms unless the member is the only person residing in the county who represents
2 one of the professions designated in subsection (b) of this section. The county
3 commissioner member shall serve only as long as the member is a county
4 commissioner. When a representative of the general public is appointed due to the
5 unavailability of a licensed physician, a licensed dentist, a licensed optometrist, a
6 licensed veterinarian, a licensed chiropractor, a registered nurse, a licensed pharmacist,
7 or a professional engineer, that member shall serve only until a licensed physician, a
8 licensed dentist, a licensed optometrist, a licensed veterinarian, a licensed chiropractor,
9 a registered nurse, a licensed pharmacist, or a professional engineer becomes available
10 for appointment. In order to establish a uniform staggered term structure for the board, a
11 member may be appointed for less than a three-year term.

12 (d) Vacancies shall be filled for any unexpired portion of a term.

13 (e) A chairperson shall be elected annually by a county board of health. The local
14 health director shall serve as secretary to the board.

15 (f) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

16 (g) A member may be removed from office by the county board of
17 commissioners for cause.

18 (h) A member may receive a per diem in an amount established by the county
19 board of commissioners. Reimbursement for subsistence and travel shall be in
20 accordance with a policy set by the county board of commissioners.

21 (i) The board shall meet at least quarterly. The chairperson or three of the
22 members may call a special meeting."

23 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification and applies to appointments
24 made on or after that date.