



**HOUSE BILL 724:  
Amend Composition of North Carolina Medical  
Board**

2015-2016 General Assembly

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** S.L. 2015-213

**Date:**  
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**SUMMARY:** *S.L. 2015-213 revises the membership of the North Carolina Medical Board to provide that at least one physician assistant and at least one nurse practitioner must serve as members of the Board.*

*This act became effective August 11, 2015.*

**CURRENT LAW:** Pursuant to G.S. 90-2, the North Carolina Medical Board (Board) is made up of 12 members who are directed to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery for the benefit of the people of the State. The Board is comprised of 12 members as follows:

- 7 members who are licensed physicians, as recommended by the Review Panel<sup>1</sup> and approved by the Governor.
- 5 members appointed by the Governor:
  - 1 licensed physician who is a doctor of osteopathy or a full-time faculty member of one of the medical schools in North Carolina who utilizes integrative medicine in that person's clinical practice or a member of The Old North State Medical Society.
  - 3 public members who are not health care providers or the spouse of a health care provider.
  - 1 *physician assistant OR 1 nurse practitioner.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** S.L. 2015-213 increases the membership of the Board from 12 to 13 members. The addition of the new member ensures that the composition of the Board includes both a physician assistant and a nurse practitioner.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act became effective August 11, 2015.

<sup>1</sup> The Review Panel is directed to review all applications for the physician, physician assistant, and nurse practitioner positions on the Board (G.S. 90-3).

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