

## HOUSE BILL No. 2660

By Committee on Health and Human Services

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9 AN ACT concerning the behavioral sciences regulatory board; relating  
10 to membership; amending K.S.A. 74-7501 and repealing the existing  
11 section.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 74-7501 is hereby amended to read as follows: 74-  
15 7501. (a) There is hereby created a behavioral sciences regulatory board  
16 consisting of ~~11~~ 15 members appointed by the governor. The membership  
17 of the board shall be as follows: Two members of the board shall be  
18 licensed psychologists; ~~two~~ six members of the board shall be licensed to  
19 engage in the practice of social work; one member of the board shall be  
20 a professional counselor; one member of the board shall be a marriage  
21 and family therapist and one member of the board shall be a registered  
22 masters level psychologist who on January 1, 1997, will become a licensed  
23 masters level psychologist; and four members of the board shall be from  
24 and represent the general public. Each member of the board shall be a  
25 citizen of the United States and a resident of this state.

26 (b) The term of office of each member of the board shall be four  
27 years, except that the term of office of the new members appointed pur-  
28 suant to this act, one member shall be appointed for a term of two years,  
29 one member shall be appointed for a term of three years and two mem-  
30 bers shall be appointed for terms of four years. The governor shall des-  
31 ignate the term of office for each member appointed to the board pur-  
32 suant to this act. No member of the board shall be appointed for more  
33 than two successive terms. Upon the expiration of a member's term of  
34 office, the governor shall appoint a qualified successor *and two additional*  
35 *members who shall be social workers. The governor shall appoint two new*  
36 *social workers each year until there is a total of six social workers on the*  
37 *board.* Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qual-  
38 ified. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the membership of the board prior  
39 to the expiration of a term of office, the governor shall appoint a qualified  
40 successor to fill the unexpired term. The governor may remove any mem-  
41 ber of the board for misconduct, incompetency or neglect of duty.

42 (c) The board shall organize annually at its first meeting subsequent  
43 to June 30 and shall select from its members a chairperson and a vice-

1 chairperson. Other meetings shall be held as the board designates. A  
2 majority of members appointed to the board shall constitute a quorum  
3 for the transaction of business.

4 (d) The board may appoint an executive director who shall be in the  
5 unclassified service of the Kansas civil service act and shall receive an  
6 annual salary fixed by the board, subject to approval by the governor. The  
7 board may employ clerical personnel and other assistants, all of whom  
8 shall be in the classified service under the Kansas civil service act. The  
9 board may make and enter into contracts of employment with such pro-  
10 fessional personnel as necessary, in the board's judgment, for the per-  
11 formance of its duties and functions and the execution of its powers.

12 (e) Members of the behavioral sciences regulatory board attending  
13 meetings of the board, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof au-  
14 thorized by the board, shall be paid compensation, subsistence allow-  
15 ances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and  
16 amendments thereto.

17 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 74-7501 is hereby repealed.

18 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
19 publication in the statute book.