

ACT 53

A Bill for an Act Relating to Appeals of Medical Board Decision of Retirement System of the State of Hawaii.

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. This Act is hereby declared to be an urgency measure deemed necessary in the public interest within the meaning of section 11 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii.

The following is a statement of facts constituting such urgency:

Questionable decisions of the medical board of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii are not subject to appeal procedure. As a result inequities exist. It is in the public interest that this problem be immediately resolved in order to maintain the high efficiency and morale of public employees participating in the Retirement System.

SECTION 2. Amend Chapter 6 by the following section to be appropriately numbered and made a part of Chapter 6 to read as follows:

"Section Any other provision herein to the contrary notwithstanding, an employee who is not satisfied with the decision of the medical board of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawaii may appeal such decision to the board of trustees, provided, that such appeal is filed with the board of trustees within 60 days after receiving a decision from the medical board. The board of trustees, after hearing said appeal, is authorized to appoint an independent review board of licensed physicians to review said matter and the decision of the medical review board shall be final and binding. The right of appeal to the board of trustees shall apply to all decisions and recommendations which the medical board is authorized to make under the Revised Laws of Hawaii 1955, as amended."

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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