

FORTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION, 2003

SB 665/a

March 2, 2003

Madam President:

Your PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, to whom has been referred

SENATE BILL 665

has had it under consideration and reports same with recommendation that it DO PASS, amended as follows:

1. On page 3, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following section:

"Section 2. Section 61-1-4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1957, Chapter 247, Section 4, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-1-4. NOTICE OF CONTEMPLATED BOARD ACTION--REQUEST FOR HEARING--NOTICE OF HEARING.--

A. For the purpose of investigating complaints against licensees, the board may issue investigative subpoenas prior to the issuance of a notice of contemplated action as provided in this section.

B. When a board contemplates taking any action of a type specified in Subsection A, B or C of Section 61-1-3 NMSA 1978, it shall serve upon the applicant a written notice containing a statement:

(1) that the applicant has failed to satisfy the board of his qualifications to be examined or to be issued a license, as the case may be;

(2) indicating in what respects the applicant has failed to satisfy the board;

(3) that the applicant may secure a hearing before the board by depositing in the mail within twenty days after service of the notice a certified return receipt requested letter addressed to the board and containing a request for a hearing; and

(4) calling the applicant's attention to his rights under Section 61-1-8 NMSA 1978.

C. In any board proceeding to take any action of a type specified in Subsection A, B or C of Section 61-1-3 NMSA 1978, the

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burden of satisfying the board of the applicant's qualifications shall be upon the applicant.

D. When a board contemplates taking any action of a type specified in Subsections D through N of Section 61-1-3 NMSA 1978, it shall serve upon the licensee a written notice containing a statement:

(1) that the board has sufficient evidence that, if not rebutted or explained, will justify the board in taking the contemplated action;

(2) indicating the general nature of the evidence;

(3) that unless the licensee within twenty days after service of the notice deposits in the mail a certified return receipt requested letter addressed to the board and containing a request for a hearing, the board will take the contemplated action; and

(4) calling the licensee's attention to his rights ~~[under]~~ as provided in Section 61-1-8 NMSA 1978.

E. If the licensee or applicant does not mail a request for a hearing within the time and in the manner required by this section, the board may take the action contemplated in the notice and such action shall be final and not subject to judicial review.

F. If the licensee or applicant does mail a request for a hearing as required by this section, the board shall, within twenty days of receipt of the request, notify the licensee or applicant of the time and place of hearing, the name of the person who shall conduct the hearing for the board and the statutes and regulations authorizing the board to take the contemplated action. ~~[which]~~ The hearing shall be held not more than sixty nor less than fifteen days from the date of service of the notice of hearing.

G. Licensees shall bear all costs of disciplinary proceedings unless they are excused by the board from paying all or part of the fees or if they prevail at the hearing and an action specified in Section 61-1-3 NMSA 1978 is not taken by the board.".

2. Renumber the succeeding sections accordingly.

3. On page 3, lines 8 and 9, strike ", who violates a provision of the Uniform Licensing Act,".

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4. On page 3, line 16, strike "conduction" and insert in lieu thereof "conducting".

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and thence referred to the JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dede Feldman, Chairman

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_ Not Adopted \_\_\_\_\_  
(Chief Clerk) (Chief Clerk)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

The roll call vote was 5 For 0 Against

Yes: 5

No: 0

Excused: Adair, Boitano, Hurt, Sanchez, M

Absent: None

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