

**TITLE 435. STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
CHAPTER 70. THERAPEUTIC RECREATION**

SUBCHAPTER 1. ADMINISTRATION AND ORGANIZATION

435:70-1-4. Therapeutic Recreation Committee – terms of members – removal from Committee

- (a) There is hereby established the Therapeutic Recreation Committee to assist the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision in conducting examinations for applicants and to advise the Board on all matters pertaining to the licensure, education, and continuing education of therapeutic recreation specialists and the practice of therapeutic recreation or recreation therapy.
- (b) The Therapeutic Recreation Committee shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:
- (1) three members shall, upon initial appointment, be qualified persons who have been actively practicing therapeutic recreation in this state for at least three (3) years, provided, their successors shall be licensed therapeutic recreation specialists, and
 - (2) two members shall be lay persons.
 - (3) The professional members of the Committee shall be appointed for staggered terms of one (1), two (2) and three (3) years, respectively. Terms of office of each appointed member shall expire July 1 of that year in which they expire regardless of the calendar date when such appointments were made. Subsequent appointments shall be made for a term of three (3) years or until successors are appointed and qualified.
 - (4) The lay members shall be appointed for staggered terms of office which will expire July 1, 2010, and July 1, 2011. Thereafter, members appointed to these positions shall serve for terms of three (3) years or until successors are appointed and qualified.
 - (5) Vacancies shall be filled by the Board in the same manner as the original appointment.
- (c) Members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duties required by the Therapeutic Recreation Practice Act in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.
- (d) Upon expiration of a member's term of office, the appointing authority for that member shall appoint a successor pursuant to the provisions of this section. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled in like manner for the balance of an expired term. **No member shall serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.** Each member shall serve until a successor is appointed and qualified.
- (e) The Board may remove any member from the Committee for neglect of any duty required by law, for failure to attend at least 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings in a calendar year, for incompetency, or for unethical or dishonorable conduct.
- (f) The Committee shall have the power and duty to:
- (1) Advise the Board on all matters pertaining to the licensure, education, and continuing education requirements for and practice of therapeutic recreation or recreation therapy in this state; and
 - (2) Assist and advise the Board in all hearings involving therapeutic recreation specialists who are deemed to be in violation of the Therapeutic Recreation Practice Act.