

LEGISLATIVE BILL 411

Approved by the Governor March 14, 2001

Introduced by McDonald, 41

AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission; to amend section 71-5654, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000; to change commission membership provisions; and to repeal the original section.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 71-5654, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000, is amended to read:

71-5654. The Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission is hereby created as the direct and only successor to the Commission on Rural Health Manpower. The Nebraska Rural Health Advisory Commission shall consist of ~~twelve~~ thirteen members as follows:

(1) The Director of Regulation and Licensure or his or her designee and the Director of Health and Human Services or his or her designee; and

(2) ~~Ten~~ Eleven members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature as follows:

(a) One representative of each medical school located in the state involved in training family physicians and one physician in family practice residency training; and

(b) From rural areas one physician, one consumer representative, one hospital administrator, one nursing home administrator, ~~and three representatives selected from the following professions: Nursing, physician assistant practice, mental health professions, pharmacy, dentistry, physical therapy, and occupational therapy~~ one nurse, one physician assistant, one mental health professional, and one dentist.

Members shall serve for terms of three years. When a vacancy occurs, appointment to fill the vacancy shall be made for the balance of the term. All appointed members shall be citizens and residents of Nebraska. The appointed membership of the commission shall, to the extent possible, represent the three congressional districts equally.

Sec. 2. Original section 71-5654, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2000, is repealed.