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The following measures will be considered for action during the work session:

□ Senate Bill 332 (Requested by Senator Mark E. Amodei) Hearing—April 30, 2003

Revises qualifications of State Health Officer, clarifies restrictions on use of "M.D." title and makes various changes relating to licensure of physicians. (BDR 40-1036)

This measure was brought forward on behalf of a constituent of Senator Amodei's.

At the hearing on the bill, the Board of Medical Examiners expressed concern with Section 7 of the bill. The board's representative offered an amendment to this section, and he expressed a desire to add language allowing the Governor to declare an emergency in certain situations. The emergency declaration would result in the board waiving certain licensing requirements for certain types of practitioners. The person on whose behalf the bill was introduced does not support the amendments, particularly the amendment to Section 7.

This measure was heard at the same time as Senate Bill 411, which also makes changes to the requirements of the state health officer.

□ Senate Bill 411 (Requested by the Department of Administration)
Hearing—April 30, 2003

Revises certain provisions relating to qualifications and appointment of State Health Officer. (BDR 40-1243)

No testimony was provided in opposition to this measure. It appears, however, that enacting S.B. 332 negates the need for Section 1 of S.B. 411. However, Section 2 of this bill contains language clarifying that the position of state health officer is an unclassified position that serves at the pleasure of the Director of the Department of Human Resources.

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