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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5256 AS INTRODUCED 12-30-87

The Public Health Code lists a number of grounds upon which health care professional boards may impose sanctions--reprimands, fines, and license actions--on physicians or nurses. In cases of violations of "general duty" (which includes negligence or "failure to exercise due care") and in cases of "personal disqualifications" (including incompetence, drug addiction, conviction of certain criminal offenses, and "lack of good moral character"), boards may impose fines of up to \$250,000.

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to add "immoral conduct" to the list of personal disqualifications for which health care professional licensing boards may impose penalties (including license actions and fines of up to \$250,000) on physicians or nurses.

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