

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 2200

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Changing the duties of the director of licensing.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Romero and McMorris; by request of Department of Licensing.

**House Committee on State Government**  
**Senate Committee on Transportation**

**Background:**

The Department of Licensing is required to be organized into divisions, including the business and professions administration which includes the divisions of real estate and professional licensing. The director of the Department of Licensing is appointed by the Governor, with consent of the Senate, and holds office at the pleasure of the Governor. Directors must be selected with reference to their experience and interest in motor vehicle administration or highway safety.

The director of the Department of Licensing is required to appoint and deputize an assistant director of business and professions administration, and may delegate to the assistant director authority to promulgate rules and regulations relating to the licensing of persons engaged in businesses and professions; appoint such clerical and other assistants; to carry out necessary work; and to deputize assistants to perform duties in the name of the director.

**Summary:**

The authority of the director of the Department of Licensing is clarified. Duties are to supervise and administer the Department of Licensing, and to advise the Legislature and Governor with respect to matters under the jurisdiction of the department. The director is granted specific authority to:

- enter into contracts to carry out the department's responsibilities;
- accept and expend gifts and grants;
- administer the department, including complete charge and supervisory powers over the department, and create any administrative structures;

- adopt rules;
- delegate powers and duties; and
- establish advisory groups.

References to duties formerly performed by the Department of Licensing regarding optometry that are now under the authority of the Department of Health are repealed. References to the special experience requirements for the appointment of directors are repealed.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 97 0  
Senate 48 0

**Effective:** July 25, 1999