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The Alaska State Medical Board (ASMB) is the medical governing board in the State of Alaska. It is staffed by the Division of Occupational Licensing. The Board consists of five physicians, one physician assistant, and two public members. Board members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature.

## **What is ASMB's Role?**

The Alaska State Medical Board exists to ensure that competent, professional, and regulated commercial services are available to Alaska consumers.

The Board is authorized to grant licenses. An application will be presented to the Board for review and approval of the license application at a regularly scheduled board meeting.

## **What Authority Does the ASMB Have?**

The Board adopts regulations to carry out the laws governing the practice of medicine in Alaska. It makes final licensing decisions and takes disciplinary action against people who violate the licensing laws. The board meets four times a year and offers a public comment period at each meeting. Meeting agendas and minutes are available from the executive administrator.

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## What Type of Adverse Actions or Sanctions Can ASMB Take Against My Medical License?

The Alaska State Medical Board has a few different disciplinary actions it can take against your license, depending on the severity of your violation. Some of the possible disciplinary actions include:

- Reprimand
- Probation
- Assessment of civil penalty (fine)
- Suspension (for a specific period)
- Revocation
- Condition to take additional continuing education over and above the annual requirement
- Restrictions on practice
- Temporary cease and desist order
- Surrender
- Deny license application

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## Do I Need a Lawyer to Help Me Navigate an Investigation?

While you are not required to have a lawyer represent you during an ASMD investigation, you may choose to have one. An experienced attorney can help you:

- Understand the investigation process;
- Prepare for interviews with investigators;
- Gather evidence to support your defense; and
- Negotiate with the board on your behalf.

Additionally, a lawyer can represent you at hearings and assist you in appealing any disciplinary action that may be taken against you.

## Facing ASMB's Issues?

At times, the actions of the Alaska Medical Board may seem unfair or unjust. If you are facing investigation or disciplinary action by the Board, it is important to remember that you have rights and options. An experienced attorney can help you navigate the investigation process and defend your license. Don't go through it alone – contact The Law Offices of Athan P. Papailiou today at (509) 215-4679 or you may send us an email at [contact@athan-law.com](mailto:contact@athan-law.com).

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