

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist**

House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill amends the qualification necessary for the executive director of the Department of Health.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ amends the qualifications necessary for the executive director of the Department of Health.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

This bill provides an immediate effective date.

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**26-1-9**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 1993, Chapter 219

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **26-1-9** is amended to read:

**26-1-9. Executive director -- Qualifications.**

(1) [The] Except as provided in Subsection (2), the executive director shall[:-(a)-(i)] be



28 a physician who is a graduate of a regularly chartered and legally constituted medical school,  
29 licensed to practice medicine and surgery in all branches in the state [~~and~~], who [~~shall have~~]  
30 has successfully completed:

31 (a) a master's degree of public health from an accredited school of public health or  
32 from an accredited program of public health and [~~have~~] has at least three years professional  
33 full-time experience in a senior level administrative capacity; or

34 [~~(ii) be a physician who is a graduate of a regularly chartered and legally constituted~~  
35 ~~medical school, licensed to practice medicine and surgery in all branches in the state and who~~  
36 ~~shall have successfully completed]~~

37 (b) at least one year's graduate work in an accredited school of public health and [~~have~~]  
38 has at least five years professional full-time experience, of which at least three years have been  
39 in public health in a senior level administrative capacity[~~;~~].

40 (2) If the executive director is not a physician under Subsection (1), the executive  
41 director shall:

42 [~~(iii)~~] (a) (i) have successfully completed at least a master's degree of public health or  
43 public administration from an accredited school of public health or from an accredited program  
44 of public health or public administration; and

45 (ii) have at least five years of professional full-time experience, of which at least three  
46 years have been in public health in a senior level administrative capacity; or

47 [~~(iv)~~] (b) have at least seven years of professional full-time experience in public health  
48 programs, of which at least five years have been in a senior level administrative capacity[~~;~~ ~~and~~].

49 [~~(b)~~] (3) An executive director shall be thoroughly informed and experienced in all  
50 aspects of public health work.

51 [~~(2)~~] (4) If the executive director is not a physician, the deputy director of the  
52 department shall be a physician who has successfully completed at least one year's graduate  
53 work in an accredited school of public health or an accredited program of public health.

54 Section 2. **Effective date.**

55 If approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, this bill takes effect  
56 upon approval by the governor, or the day following the constitutional time limit of Utah  
57 Constitution Article VII, Section 8, without the governor's signature, or in the case of a veto,  
58 the date of veto override.

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# FISCAL NOTE

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SHORT TITLE: **Qualifications for the Executive Director of the Department of Health**

SPONSOR: **Liljenquist, D.**

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STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.