

8-255b. Medical advisory board; appointment; procedure; advisory opinions; limiting tort liability. (a) The secretary of revenue may appoint a medical advisory board which shall be composed of five members. Such board shall be within the department of revenue and attached to the division of vehicles. The members of the board shall include, but not be limited to, a physician licensed to practice ophthalmology, a licensed optometrist, a licensed psychiatrist, and a licensed physician specializing in internal medicine. The board shall meet at the request of the director of vehicles or at the request of any two members of the advisory board or upon petition to the advisory board by a person whose license to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended or revoked. Members of the medical advisory board attending meetings of such board, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by such board, shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223, and amendments thereto.

(b) The medical advisory board is created for the purpose of giving advisory opinions to the director of vehicles in the case of any person whose license to operate a motor vehicle has been suspended, revoked or reviewed by the director of vehicles and for good cause shown that the operation of a motor vehicle on a highway by such person would be inimical to public safety and welfare because of an existing or suspected mental or physical disability.

(c) The providing of advisory opinions by the medical advisory board and action pursuant thereto by the director of vehicles is a discretionary function or duty under the Kansas tort claims act.

History: L. 1969, ch. 367, § 1; L. 1972, ch. 342, § 42; L. 1974, ch. 348, § 8; L. 1975, ch. 36, § 25; L. 1982, ch. 41, § 3; L. 2001, ch. 82, § 2; July 1.