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## MEMORANDUM

Victor House

TO: Geoffrey Grier, Behavioral Health Commission Amber Gray, Behavioral Health Commission

FROM: Victor Young, Assistant Clerk

DATE: October 23, 2023

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee received the following proposed legislation:

## File No. 231076

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If you have comments or reports to be included with the file, please forward them to me at the Board of Supervisors, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102 or by email at: victor.young@sfgov.org.



## **Master Report**

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## LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

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## Existing Law

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## **Background Information**

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604 was amended effective January 1, 2023. The amendments to the statute revised the description of the composition of mental health boards. This amendment to Chapter 15 of the Administrative Code aligns the composition of the Behavioral Health Commission with the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604.

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# **Introduction Form**

By a Member of the Board of Supervisors or Mayor

Time stamp or meeting date

I hereby submit the following item for introduction	on (select only one):
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<ul><li>✓ 1. For reference to Committee. (An Ordinance, Resolution, Motion or Charter Amendment).</li></ul>
2. Request for next printed agenda Without Reference to Committee.
3. Request for hearing on a subject matter at Committee.
4. Request for letter beginning :"Supervisor   inquiries"
5. City Attorney Request.
6. Call File No.     from Committee.
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Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:
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To:	BOS Legislation, (BOS)
Cc:	BRUCE, CHARLES (CAT); Dorsey, Matt (BOS)
Subject:	Introduction - Dorsey - Ordinance - Administrative Code - Composition of Behavioral Health Commission
Date:	Tuesday, October 17, 2023 2:29:51 PM
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