



Boards, commissions under scrutiny

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Gov. Christie's willingness to plunge into the thicket of the dozens of government boards, commissions and agencies to clear out the underbrush of rules, regulations, conflicting missions and duplication of effort is long overdue.

While a major part of his administration's effort to identify savings, the review will also turn a spotlight on the operation of these bodies, most of which function with scant attention, to determine whether they serve a desirable public purpose.

The boards and commissions were created over many years to apply regulations and standards of conduct on a specific profession or occupation. They were necessary to assure that the regulations were enforced and that violators would be called to account.

They oversee professions ranging from acupuncture to architecture, from cosmetology to marriage counseling, from massage to ophthalmics, from prosthetic suppliers to shorthand reporting. And that's a partial list.

