

033878688

## HOUSE BILL NO. 2477

## AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions  
on January 28, 2003)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Delegate Crittenden)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia, relating to delegation to registered nurses to conduct screening and testing of children for elevated blood-lead levels.*

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 54.1-2901. Exceptions and exemptions generally.

The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent or prohibit:

1. Any person entitled to practice his profession under any prior law on June 24, 1944, from continuing such practice within the scope of the definition of his particular school of practice;

2. Any person licensed to practice naturopathy prior to June 30, 1980, from continuing such practice in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Board;

3. Any licensed nurse practitioner from rendering care under the supervision of a duly licensed physician when such services are authorized by regulations promulgated jointly by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing;

4. Any registered professional nurse, registered midwife, licensed nurse practitioner, graduate laboratory technician or other technical personnel who have been properly trained from rendering care or services within the scope of their usual professional activities which shall include the taking of blood, the giving of intravenous infusions and intravenous injections, and the insertion of tubes when performed under the orders of a person licensed to practice medicine;

5. Any dentist, pharmacist or optometrist from rendering care or services within the scope of his usual professional activities;

6. Any practitioner licensed or certified by the Board from delegating to personnel supervised by him, such activities or functions as are nondiscretionary and do not require the exercise of professional judgment for their performance and which are usually or customarily delegated to such persons by practitioners of the healing arts, if such activities or functions are authorized by and performed for such practitioners of the healing arts and responsibility for such activities or functions is assumed by such practitioners of the healing arts;

7. The rendering of medical advice or information through telecommunications from a physician licensed to practice medicine in Virginia or an adjoining state to emergency medical personnel acting in an emergency situation;

8. The domestic administration of family remedies;

9. The giving or use of massages, steam baths, dry heat rooms, infrared heat or ultraviolet lamps in public or private health clubs and spas;

10. The manufacture or sale of proprietary medicines in this Commonwealth by licensed pharmacists or druggists;

11. The advertising or sale of commercial appliances or remedies;

12. The fitting by nonitinerant persons or manufacturers of artificial eyes, limbs or other apparatus or appliances or the fitting of plaster cast counterparts of deformed portions of the body by a nonitinerant bracer or prosthetist for the purpose of having a three-dimensional record of the deformity, when such bracer or prosthetist has received a prescription from a licensed physician directing the fitting of such casts and such activities are conducted in conformity with the laws of Virginia;

13. Any person from the rendering of first aid or medical assistance in an emergency in the absence of a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy under the provisions of this chapter;

14. The practice of the religious tenets of any church in the ministration to the sick and suffering by mental or spiritual means without the use of any drug or material remedy, whether gratuitously or for compensation;

15. Any legally qualified out-of-state or foreign practitioner from meeting in consultation with legally licensed practitioners in this Commonwealth;

16. Any practitioner of the healing arts licensed or certified and in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in another state or Canada when that practitioner of the healing arts is in Virginia temporarily and such practitioner has been issued a temporary license or certification by the Board from practicing medicine or the duties of the profession for which he is licensed or certified (i) in a summer camp or in conjunction with patients who are participating in recreational activities, (ii) while participating in continuing educational programs prescribed by the Board, or (iii) by rendering at any site any health care services within the limits of his license, voluntarily and without compensation, to

60 any patient of any clinic which is organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care services  
61 without charge as provided in § 54.1-106;

62 17. The performance of the duties of any commissioned or contract medical officer, or podiatrist in  
63 active service in the army, navy, coast guard, marine corps, air force, or public health service of the  
64 United States while such individual is so commissioned or serving;

65 18. Any masseur, who publicly represents himself as such, from performing services within the scope  
66 of his usual professional activities and in conformance with state law;

67 19. Any person from performing services in the lawful conduct of his particular profession or  
68 business under state law;

69 20. Any person from rendering emergency care pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-225;

70 21. Qualified emergency medical services personnel, when acting within the scope of their  
71 certification, and licensed health care practitioners, when acting within their scope of practice, from  
72 following Durable Do Not Resuscitate Orders issued in accordance with § 54.1-2987.1 and Board of  
73 Health regulations, or licensed health care practitioners from following any other written order of a  
74 physician not to resuscitate a patient in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest;

75 22. Any commissioned or contract medical officer of the army, navy, coast guard or air force  
76 rendering services voluntarily and without compensation while deemed to be licensed pursuant to  
77 § 54.1-106;

78 23. Any provider of a chemical dependency treatment program who is certified as an "acupuncture  
79 detoxification specialist" by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association or an equivalent  
80 certifying body, from administering auricular acupuncture treatment under the appropriate supervision of  
81 a National Acupuncture Detoxification Association certified licensed physician or licensed acupuncturist;

82 24. Any employee of any assisted living facility who is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
83 (CPR) acting in compliance with the patient's individualized service plan and with the written order of  
84 the attending physician not to resuscitate a patient in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest;

85 25. Any person working as a health assistant under the direction of a licensed medical or osteopathic  
86 doctor within the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice or local correctional  
87 facilities;

88 26. Any employee of a school board, authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of  
89 insulin and glucagon, when, upon the authorization of a prescriber and the written request of the parents  
90 as defined in § 22.1-1, assisting with the administration of insulin or administering glucagon to a  
91 student diagnosed as having diabetes and who requires insulin injections during the school day or for  
92 whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia; or

93 27. Any practitioner of the healing arts or other profession regulated by the Board from rendering  
94 free health care to an underserved population of Virginia who (i) does not regularly practice his  
95 profession in Virginia, (ii) holds a current valid license or certificate to practice his profession in another  
96 state, territory, district or possession of the United States, (iii) volunteers to provide free health care to  
97 an underserved area of this Commonwealth under the auspices of a publicly supported all volunteer,  
98 nonprofit organization with no paid employees that sponsors the provision of health care to populations  
99 of underserved people throughout the world, (iv) files a copy of the license or certification issued in  
100 such other jurisdiction with the Board, (v) notifies the Board at least fifteen days prior to the voluntary  
101 provision of services of the dates and location of such service, and (vi) acknowledges, in writing, that  
102 such licensure exemption shall only be valid, in compliance with the Board's regulations, during the  
103 limited period that such free health care is made available through the volunteer, nonprofit organization  
104 on the dates and at the location filed with the Board. The Board may deny the right to practice in  
105 Virginia to any practitioner of the healing arts whose license or certificate has been previously  
106 suspended or revoked, who has been convicted of a felony or who is otherwise found to be in violation  
107 of applicable laws or regulations; or

108 28. Any physician of medicine or osteopathy or nurse practitioner from delegating to a registered  
109 nurse under his supervision the screening and testing of children for elevated blood-lead levels when  
110 such testing is conducted (i) in accordance with a written protocol between the physician or nurse  
111 practitioner and the registered nurse and (ii) in compliance with the Board of Health's regulations  
112 promulgated pursuant to §§ 32.1-46.1 and 32.1-46.2. Any follow-up testing or treatment shall be  
113 conducted at the direction of a physician or nurse practitioner.