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HOUSE BILL NO. 825

House Amendments in [] — January 29, 2016

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 2.2-2001.4, relating to military medical personnel; pilot program.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Delegate Stolle

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2901 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 2.2-2001.4 as follows:

§ 2.2-2001.4. Military medical personnel; pilot program.

A. For the purposes of this section, "military medical personnel" means an individual who has recently served as a medic in the U.S. Army, medical technician in the U.S. Air Force, or corpsman in the U.S. Navy [or U.S. Coast Guard] and who was discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

B. The Department, in collaboration with the Department of Health Professions, shall establish a pilot program in which military medical personnel may practice and perform certain delegated acts that constitute the practice of medicine under the supervision of a physician or podiatrist who holds an active, unrestricted license in Virginia. Such activities shall reflect the level of training and experience of the military medical personnel. The supervising physician or podiatrist shall retain responsibility for the care of the patient.

C. Any licensed physician or podiatrist, a professional corporation or partnership of any licensee, any hospital, or any commercial enterprise having medical facilities for its employees that are supervised by one or more physicians or podiatrists may participate in such pilot program.

D. The Department shall establish general requirements for participating military medical personnel, licensees, and employers.

§ 54.1-2901. Exceptions and exemptions generally.

A. 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 in collaboration and consultation with a patient care team physician as part of a patient care team pursuant to § 54.1-2957 when such services are authorized by regulations promulgated jointly by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing;

4. Any registered professional nurse, 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 or osteopathy, a nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant;

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, or from a licensed nurse practitioner, 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;

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- 59 11. The advertising or sale of commercial appliances or remedies;
- 60 12. The fitting by nonitinerant persons or manufacturers of artificial eyes, limbs or other apparatus or
- 61 appliances or the fitting of plaster cast counterparts of deformed portions of the body by a nonitinerant
- 62 bracer or prosthetist for the purpose of having a three-dimensional record of the deformity, when
- 63 such bracer or prosthetist has received a prescription from a licensed physician, licensed nurse
- 64 practitioner, or licensed physician assistant directing the fitting of such casts and such activities are
- 65 conducted in conformity with the laws of Virginia;
- 66 13. Any person from the rendering of first aid or medical assistance in an emergency in the absence
- 67 of a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy under the provisions of this chapter;
- 68 14. The practice of the religious tenets of any church in the ministration to the sick and suffering by
- 69 mental or spiritual means without the use of any drug or material remedy, whether gratuitously or for
- 70 compensation;
- 71 15. Any legally qualified out-of-state or foreign practitioner from meeting in consultation with legally
- 72 licensed practitioners in this Commonwealth;
- 73 16. Any practitioner of the healing arts licensed or certified and in good standing with the applicable
- 74 regulatory agency in another state or Canada when that practitioner of the healing arts is in Virginia
- 75 temporarily and such practitioner has been issued a temporary license or certification by the Board from
- 76 practicing medicine or the duties of the profession for which he is licensed or certified (i) in a summer
- 77 camp or in conjunction with patients who are participating in recreational activities, (ii) while
- 78 participating in continuing educational programs prescribed by the Board, or (iii) by rendering at any
- 79 site any health care services within the limits of his license, voluntarily and without compensation, to
- 80 any patient of any clinic which is organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care services
- 81 without charge as provided in § 54.1-106;
- 82 17. The performance of the duties of any active duty health care provider in active service in the
- 83 army, navy, coast guard, marine corps, air force, or public health service of the United States at any
- 84 public or private health care facility while such individual is so commissioned or serving and in
- 85 accordance with his official military orders;
- 86 18. Any masseur, who publicly represents himself as such, from performing services within the scope
- 87 of his usual professional activities and in conformance with state law;
- 88 19. Any person from performing services in the lawful conduct of his particular profession or
- 89 business under state law;
- 90 20. Any person from rendering emergency care pursuant to the provisions of § 8.01-225;
- 91 21. Qualified emergency medical services personnel, when acting within the scope of their
- 92 certification, and licensed health care practitioners, when acting within their scope of practice, from
- 93 following Durable Do Not Resuscitate Orders issued in accordance with § 54.1-2987.1 and Board of
- 94 Health regulations, or licensed health care practitioners from following any other written order of a
- 95 physician not to resuscitate a patient in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest;
- 96 22. Any commissioned or contract medical officer of the army, navy, coast guard or air force
- 97 rendering services voluntarily and without compensation while deemed to be licensed pursuant to
- 98 § 54.1-106;
- 99 23. Any provider of a chemical dependency treatment program who is certified as an "acupuncture
- 100 detoxification specialist" by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association or an equivalent
- 101 certifying body, from administering auricular acupuncture treatment under the appropriate supervision of
- 102 a National Acupuncture Detoxification Association certified licensed physician or licensed acupuncturist;
- 103 24. Any employee of any assisted living facility who is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- 104 (CPR) acting in compliance with the patient's individualized service plan and with the written order of
- 105 the attending physician not to resuscitate a patient in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest;
- 106 25. Any person working as a health assistant under the direction of a licensed medical or osteopathic
- 107 doctor within the Department of Corrections, the Department of Juvenile Justice or local correctional
- 108 facilities;
- 109 26. Any employee of a school board, authorized by a prescriber and trained in the administration of
- 110 insulin and glucagon, when, upon the authorization of a prescriber and the written request of the parents
- 111 as defined in § 22.1-1, assisting with the administration of insulin or administering glucagon to a
- 112 student diagnosed as having diabetes and who requires insulin injections during the school day or for
- 113 whom glucagon has been prescribed for the emergency treatment of hypoglycemia;
- 114 27. Any practitioner of the healing arts or other profession regulated by the Board from rendering
- 115 free health care to an underserved population of Virginia who (i) does not regularly practice his
- 116 profession in Virginia, (ii) holds a current valid license or certificate to practice his profession in another
- 117 state, territory, district or possession of the United States, (iii) volunteers to provide free health care to
- 118 an underserved area of the Commonwealth under the auspices of a publicly supported all volunteer,
- 119 nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people,
- 120 (iv) files a copy of the license or certification issued in such other jurisdiction with the Board, (v)

121 notifies the Board at least five business days prior to the voluntary provision of services of the dates and
122 location of such service, and (vi) acknowledges, in writing, that such licensure exemption shall only be
123 valid, in compliance with the Board's regulations, during the limited period that such free health care is
124 made available through the volunteer, nonprofit organization on the dates and at the location filed with
125 the Board. The Board may deny the right to practice in Virginia to any practitioner of the healing arts
126 whose license or certificate has been previously suspended or revoked, who has been convicted of a
127 felony or who is otherwise found to be in violation of applicable laws or regulations. However, the
128 Board shall allow a practitioner of the healing arts who meets the above criteria to provide volunteer
129 services without prior notice for a period of up to three days, provided the nonprofit organization
130 verifies that the practitioner has a valid, unrestricted license in another state;

131 28. Any registered nurse, acting as an agent of the Department of Health, from obtaining specimens
132 of sputum or other bodily fluid from persons in whom the diagnosis of active tuberculosis disease, as
133 defined in § 32.1-49.1, is suspected and submitting orders for testing of such specimens to the Division
134 of Consolidated Laboratories or other public health laboratories, designated by the State Health
135 Commissioner, for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of tubercle bacilli as defined in
136 § 32.1-49.1;

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

143 30. Any practitioner of one of the professions regulated by the Board of Medicine who is in good
144 standing with the applicable regulatory agency in another state or Canada from engaging in the practice
145 of that profession when the practitioner is in Virginia temporarily with an out-of-state athletic team or
146 athlete for the duration of the athletic tournament, game, or event in which the team or athlete is
147 competing;

148 31. Any person from performing state or federally funded health care tasks directed by the consumer,
149 which are typically self-performed, for an individual who lives in a private residence and who, by
150 reason of disability, is unable to perform such tasks but who is capable of directing the appropriate
151 performance of such tasks; or

152 32. Any practitioner of one of the professions regulated by the Board of Medicine who is in good
153 standing with the applicable regulatory agency in another state from engaging in the practice of that
154 profession in Virginia with a patient who is being transported to or from a Virginia hospital for care.

155 B. Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation to the contrary, a nurse practitioner licensed
156 by the Boards of Nursing and Medicine in the category of certified nurse midwife may practice without
157 the requirement for physician supervision while participating in a pilot program approved by the Board
158 of Health pursuant to § 32.1-11.5.

159 C. *Notwithstanding any provision of law or regulation to the contrary, military medical personnel, as*
160 *defined in § 2.2-2001.4, while participating in a pilot program established by the Department of*
161 *Veterans Services pursuant to § 2.2-2001.4, may practice under the supervision of a licensed physician*
162 *or podiatrist.*