

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

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

4 [S 437]
5 Approved

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

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

9 **§ 2.2-2001.4. Military medical personnel; pilot program.**

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

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

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

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

25 **§ 54.1-2901. Exceptions and exemptions generally.**

26 A. The provisions of this chapter shall not prevent or prohibit:

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

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

31 3. Any licensed nurse practitioner from rendering care in collaboration and consultation with a
32 patient care team physician as part of a patient care team pursuant to § 54.1-2957 when such services
33 are authorized by regulations promulgated jointly by the Board of Medicine and the Board of Nursing;

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

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

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

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

51 8. The domestic administration of family remedies;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

70 16. Any practitioner of the healing arts licensed or certified and in good standing with the applicable
71 regulatory agency in another state or Canada when that practitioner of the healing arts is in Virginia
72 temporarily and such practitioner has been issued a temporary license or certification by the Board from
73 practicing medicine or the duties of the profession for which he is licensed or certified (i) in a summer
74 camp or in conjunction with patients who are participating in recreational activities, (ii) while
75 participating in continuing educational programs prescribed by the Board, or (iii) by rendering at any
76 site any health care services within the limits of his license, voluntarily and without compensation, to
77 any patient of any clinic which is organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care services
78 without charge as provided in § 54.1-106;

79 17. The performance of the duties of any active duty health care provider in active service in the
80 army, navy, coast guard, marine corps, air force, or public health service of the United States at any
81 public or private health care facility while such individual is so commissioned or serving and in
82 accordance with his official military orders;

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

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

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

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

93 22. Any commissioned or contract medical officer of the army, navy, coast guard or air force
94 rendering services voluntarily and without compensation while deemed to be licensed pursuant to
95 § 54.1-106;

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

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

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

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

111 27. Any practitioner of the healing arts or other profession regulated by the Board from rendering
112 free health care to an underserved population of Virginia who (i) does not regularly practice his
113 profession in Virginia, (ii) holds a current valid license or certificate to practice his profession in another
114 state, territory, district or possession of the United States, (iii) volunteers to provide free health care to
115 an underserved area of the Commonwealth under the auspices of a publicly supported all volunteer,
116 nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people,
117 (iv) files a copy of the license or certification issued in such other jurisdiction with the Board, (v)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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