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HOUSE BILL NO. 911

Offered January 22, 1996

A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2900 of the Code of Virginia, as is currently in effect and as may become effective and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 54.1-2939.1, relating to the practice of podiatry.

Patrons—Cantor, Cunningham, Hall, Plum and Reid; Senator: Howell

Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2900 of the Code of Virginia, as is currently in effect and as may become effective is amended and reenacted and the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 54.1-2939.1 as follows:

§ 54.1-2900. (Effective until January 1, 1997) Definitions.

As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning:

"Acupuncturist" means individuals approved by the Board to practice acupuncture. This is limited to "licensed acupuncturist" which means an individual other than a doctor of medicine, osteopathy or podiatry, who has successfully completed the requirements for licensure established by the Board (approved titles are limited to: Licensed Acupuncturist, Lic.Ac., L.Ac.) and "physician acupuncturist" which means doctors of medicine, osteopathy and podiatry who have fulfilled the physician requirements for licensure to practice acupuncture established by the Board.

"Auricular acupuncture" means the subcutaneous insertion of sterile, disposable acupuncture needles in predetermined, bilateral locations in the outer ear when used exclusively and specifically in the context of an approved chemical dependency treatment program, under the appropriate supervision of a licensed physician acupuncturist or licensed acupuncturist.

"Board" means the Board of Medicine.

"Certified optometrist" means an optometrist who is licensed under Chapter 32 of this title and who has successfully completed the requirements for certification established by the Board of Medicine. Such certification shall enable an optometrist to treat certain diseases, including abnormal conditions, of the human eye and its adnexa, as specified by the Board of Medicine, with certain therapeutic pharmaceutical agents specified by the Board. However, such certification shall not permit treatment through surgery or other invasive modalities.

"Clinical psychologist" means a psychologist who is competent in the diagnosis, prevention, treatment and amelioration of psychological problems, behavioral or emotional disorders or conditions or mental conditions, by the application of psychological principles, psychological methods, or psychological procedures, including but not limited to psychological assessment and evaluation and psychotherapy, which does not amount to the practice of medicine. This definition shall not be construed to limit or restrict any person licensed by a health regulatory board as defined in § 54.1-2500 from rendering services which he is licensed to provide.

"Healing arts" means the arts and sciences dealing with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure or alleviation of human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities.

"Practice of acupuncture" means the stimulation of certain points on or near the surface of the body by the insertion of needles to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize physiological functions, including pain control, for the treatment of certain ailments or conditions of the body and includes the techniques of electroacupuncture, cupping and ~~moxabustion~~ *moxibustion*. The practice of acupuncture does not include the use of physical therapy, chiropractic, osteopathic manipulative techniques, the use or prescribing of any drugs, medications, herbal preparations, nutritional supplements, serums or vaccines, nor the procedure of auricular acupuncture as exempted in § 54.1-2901 when used specifically and exclusively in the context of a publicly supported comprehensive drug treatment program by an employee of the program who is trained and approved by the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association.

"Practice of chiropractic" means the adjustment of the twenty-four movable vertebrae of the spinal column, and assisting nature for the purpose of normalizing the transmission of nerve energy, but does not include the use of surgery, obstetrics, osteopathy or the administration or prescribing of any drugs, medicines, serums or vaccines.

"Practice of clinical psychology" means the offering by an individual of his services to the public as a clinical psychologist.

"Practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine" means the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of

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60 human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities by any means or method.

61 "Practice of physical therapy" means, upon medical referral and direction, the evaluation, testing,
62 treatment, reeducation and rehabilitation by physical, mechanical or electronic measures and procedures
63 of individuals who, because of trauma, disease or birth defect, present physical and emotional disorders,
64 but does not include the use of Roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes or the
65 use of electricity for shock therapy and surgical purposes including cauterization.

66 "Practice of podiatry" means the medical, mechanical and surgical treatment of the ailments of the
67 human foot and ankle, ~~but does not include~~ *including* amputation proximal to the metatarsal-phalangeal
68 joints. *Excluded from the definition of podiatry is amputation of the entire foot.* The Board of Medicine
69 shall determine whether a specific type of treatment of the foot and ankle is within the scope of practice
70 of podiatry.

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81 context of an approved chemical dependency treatment program, under the appropriate supervision of a
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"Practice of radiologic technology" means the application of x-rays to human beings for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes.

"Radiologic technologist" means an individual, other than a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or chiropractic, or a dentist licensed pursuant to Chapter 27 (§ 54.1-2700 et seq.) of this title, who (i) performs, may be called upon to perform, or who is licensed to perform a comprehensive scope of diagnostic radiologic procedures employing equipment which emits ionizing radiation and (ii) is delegated or exercises responsibility for the operation of radiation-generating equipment, the shielding of patient and staff from unnecessary radiation, the appropriate exposure of radiographs or other procedures which contribute to any significant extent to the site or dosage of ionizing radiation to which a patient is exposed.

"Radiologic technologist, limited" means an individual, other than a licensed radiologic technologist, dental hygienist or who is otherwise authorized by the Board of Dentistry under Chapter 27 of this title and the regulations pursuant thereto, who performs diagnostic radiographic procedures employing equipment which emits ionizing radiation which is limited to specific areas of the human body.

§ 54.1-2939.1. *Amputations by podiatrists.*

Amputations proximal to the metatarsal-phalangeal joints shall be performed in an accredited hospital or surgery center.