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| 1 | VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER |
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| 2 3 4 | An Act to amend §§ 2.1-1.6, 2.1-20.4, 9-6.25:1 and 54.1-2900 of the Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 4 of Chapter 29 of Title 54.1 sections numbered 54.1-2957.4, 54.1-2957.5, and 54.1-2957.6, relating to regulation of athletic trainers. |
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| 53 54 55 56 | Corrections, State Board of Cosmetology, Board for Criminal Justice Services Board Dark-Fired Tobacco Board, Virginia |

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- 57 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Advisory Board for the Department for the
- 58 Dentistry, Board of
- 59 Design-Build/Construction Management Review Board
- Education, State Board of Egg Board, Virginia 60
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- Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, State 62
- Farmers Market Board, Virginia 63
- Fire Services Board, Virginia 64
- Forestry, Board of 65
- Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Board of 66
- 67 Game and Inland Fisheries, Board of
- 68 Geology, Board for
- 69 Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board
- 70 Health Planning Board, Virginia
- Health Professions, Board of 71
- 72 Health, State Board of
- 73 Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for
- 74 Hemophilia Advisory Board
- Historic Resources, Board of 75
- Housing and Community Development, Board of 76
- 77 Irish Potato Board, Virginia
- 78 Juvenile Justice, State Board of
- 79 Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Substance Abuse Treatment
- 80 Professionals, Board of
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- Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles 83
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- 85 Medicine, Board of
- 86 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, State
- 87 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
- 88 Military Affairs, Board of
- 89 Mineral Mining Examiners, Board of
- 90 Minority Business Enterprise, Interdepartmental Board of the Department of
- 91 Networking Users Advisory Board, State
- 92 Neurotrauma Initiative Advisory Board, Commonwealth
- 93 North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 94 Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
- Nursing, Board of 95
- Nursing Home Administrators, Board of 96
- 97 Occupational Therapy, Advisory Board on of
- 98 Oil and Gas Conservation Board, Virginia
- 99 Opticians, Board for
- Optometry, Board of 100
- Peanut Board, Virginia 101
- Personnel Advisory Board 102
- 103 Pesticide Control Board
- 104 Pharmacy, Board of
- 105 Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine, Advisory Board on
- Plant Pollination Advisory Board 106
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- Poultry Products Board, Virginia 109
- Private College Advisory Board 110
- Private Security Services Advisory Board 111
- Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board for 112
- Professional Counselors, Board of 113
- Professional Soil Scientists, Board for 114
- 115 Psychiatric Advisory Board
- 116 Psychology, Board of
- Public Broadcasting Board, Virginia 117

- **118** Public Buildings Board, Virginia
- 119 Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board
- 120 Radiation Advisory Board
- 121 Real Estate Appraiser Board
- 122 Real Estate Board
- **123** Reciprocity Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
- 124 Recreation Specialists, Board of
- **125** Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia
- **126** Reforestation Board
- 127 Rehabilitation Providers, Advisory Board on
- **128** Rehabilitative Services, Board of
- **129** Respiratory Therapy Care, Advisory Board on
- 130 Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board
- **131** Safety and Health Codes Board
- **132** Seed Potato Board, *State*
- 133 Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board, State Health Department
- 134 Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 135 Small Business Advisory Board
- 136 Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board
- **137** Small Grains Board, Virginia
- **138** Social Services, Board of
- **139** Social Work, Board of
- 140 Soil and Water Conservation Board, Virginia
- 141 Soybean Board, Virginia
- 142 State Air Pollution Control Board
- **143** Substance Abuse Certification Board
- 144 Surface Mining Review, Board of
- 145 Sweet Potato Board, Virginia
- **146** T & M Vehicle Dealers' Advisory Board
- 147 Teacher Education and Licensure, Advisory Board on
- **148** Transportation Board, Commonwealth
- 149 Transportation Safety, Board of
- **150** Treasury Board, The, Department of the Treasury
- 151 Veterans' Affairs, Board on
- 152 Veterinary Medicine, Board of
- 153 Virginia Board for Asbestos and Lead
- 154 Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board
- 155 Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board
- **156** Virginia Cotton Board
- 157 Virginia Employment Commission, State Advisory Board for the
- 158 Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board
- 159 Virginia Horse Îndustry Board
- 160 Virginia Manufactured Housing Board
- 161 Virginia Retirement System, Board of Trustees
- 162 Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Advisory Commission on the
- 163 Virginia Sheep Industry Board
- 164 Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board
- 165 Virginia Waste Management Board
- 166 Visually Handicapped, Virginia Board for the
- 167 Voluntary Formulary Board, Virginia
- 168 War Memorial Foundation, Virginia, Board of Trustees
- **169** Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for
- 170 Water Resources Research Center Statewide Advisory Board, Virginia
- 171 Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Board for
- 172 Well Review Board, Virginia.
- **173** B. Notwithstanding the definition for "board" as provided in § 2.1-1.2, the following entities shall be **174** referred to as boards:
- 175 Compensation Board
- 176 State Board of Elections
- **177** State Water Control Board
- **178** Virginia Parole Board

- 179 Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees.
- 180 § 2.1-20.4. Bodies receiving compensation.
- Notwithstanding any other provision of law, members of the commissions, boards, committees, councils and other similar bodies listed below, and members of any other board, committee, council, or 181 182
- 183 similar body who are appointed at the state level, shall receive compensation from state funds pursuant
- 184 to § 2.1-20.3: 185
- Accountancy, Board for Agriculture and Consumer Services, Board of 186
- Air Pollution Control Board, State 187
- Airports Authority, Virginia 188
- 189 Apprenticeship Council
- Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape 190 191 Architects, Board for
- 192 Athletic Board, Virginia
- Athletic Training, Advisory Board on 193
- 194 Auctioneers Board
- 195 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Board of
- 196 Aviation Board, Virginia
- 197 Barbers, Board for
- Branch Pilots, Board for 198
- Building Code Technical Review Board, State 199
- Charitable Gaming Commission 200
- 201 Chesapeake Bay Local Assistance Board
- 202 Coal Mining Examiners, Board of
- College Building Authority 203
- Commonwealth Competition Council 204
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- Commonwealth Transportation Board Conservation and Development of Public Beaches, Board on 206
- 207 Conservation and Recreation, Board of
- 208 Contractors, Board for
- 209 Correctional Education, Board of
- Corrections, Board of 210
- Cosmetology, Board for 211
- 212 Criminal Justice Services Board
- 213 Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing, Advisory Board for the
- 214 Dentistry, Board of
- 215 Education, State Board of
- Education Loan Authority, Virginia Board of Directors 216
- 217 Elections, State Board of
- Environment, Council on the 218
- 219 Fire Services Board, Virginia
- 220 Funeral Directors and Embalmers, Board of
- 221 Game and Inland Fisheries, Board of
- 222 Geology, Board for
- 223 Health, State Board of
- 224 Health Professions, Board of
- 225 Hearing Aid Specialists, Board for
- 226 Higher Education, State Council of
- 227 Historic Resources, Board of
- 228 Housing and Community Development, Board of
- 229 Information Management, Council on
- Juvenile Justice, State Board of 230
- 231 Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Substance Abuse Treatment
- 232 Professionals, Board of
- 233 Marine Resources Commission
- Medical Assistance Services, Board of 234
- 235 Medical Complaint Investigation Committee
- 236 Medicine, Board of
- 237 Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services Board, State
- Milk Commission 238
- 239 Mineral Mining Examiners, Board of

- 240 Motor Vehicle Dealer Board 241 Nursing, Board of 242 Nursing Home Administrators, Board of 243 Occupational Therapy, Advisory Board on of 244 Oil and Gas Conservation Board, Virginia 245 Opticians, Board for 246 Optometry, Board of 247 Pesticide Control Board 248 Pharmacy, Board of 249 Physical Therapy, Advisory Board on Port Authority, Board of Commissioners of the Virginia 250 251 Professional and Occupational Regulation, Board for 252 Professional Counselors, Board of 253 Professional Soil Scientists, Board for 254 Psychology, Board of 255 Public Defender Commission 256 Public School Authority, Virginia 257 Purchases and Supply Appeals Board 258 Real Estate Appraiser Board 259 Real Estate Board 260 Recreation Specialists, Board of Rehabilitative Services, Board of 261 262 Respiratory Therapy Care, Advisory Board on 263 Safety and Health Codes Board Seed Potato Board, State 264 265 Social Services, Board of Social Work, Board of 266 267 State Health Department Sewage Handling and Disposal Appeal Review Board 268 Substance Abuse Certification Board 269 Surface Mining Review, Board of 270 Treasury Board 271 Veterans' Affairs, Board on 272 Veterinary Medicine, Board of 273 Virginia Advanced Shipbuilding and Carrier Integration Center Board 274 Virginia Board for Asbestos Licensing and Lead 275 Virginia Health Planning Board 276 Virginia Manufactured Housing Board 277 Virginia Veterans Care Center Board of Trustees 278 Virginia Waste Management Board 279 Visually Handicapped, Virginia Board for the 280 Waste Management Facility Operators, Board for 281 Water Control Board, State 282 Waterworks and Wastewater Works Operators, Board for 283 Well Review Board, Virginia. 284 § 9-6.25:1. Advisory boards, commissions and councils. 285 There shall be, in addition to such others as may be designated in accordance with § 9-6.25, the 286 following advisory boards, commissions and councils within the executive branch: 287 Advisory Board for the Department for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing 288 Advisory Board on Athletic Training 289 Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect 290 Advisory Board on Medicare and Medicaid 291 Advisory Board on of Occupational Therapy 292 Advisory Board on Physical Therapy to the Board of Medicine 293 Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers 294 Advisory Board on Respiratory Therapy Care to the Board of Medicine 295 Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure 296 Advisory Commission on the Virginia Schools for the Deaf and the Blind 297 Advisory Council on Revenue Estimates 298 Advisory Council on the Virginia Business-Education Partnership Program 299 Appomattox State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 300 Aquaculture Advisory Board

- **301** Art and Architectural Review Board
- **302** Board for the Visually Handicapped, *Virginia*
- **303** Board of Directors, Virginia Truck and Ornamentals Research Station
- **304** Board of Forestry
- **305** Board of Military Affairs
- **306** Board of Rehabilitative Services
- **307** Board of Transportation Safety
- **308** Board of Trustees of the Family and Children's Trust Fund
- **309** Board of Visitors, Gunston Hall Plantation
- **310** Board on Veterans' Affairs
- 311 Catoctin Creek State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 312 Cave Board
- 313 Charity Food Assistance Advisory Board
- 314 Chickahominy State Scenic River Advisory Board
- 315 Clinch Scenic River Advisory Board
- 316 Coal Surface Mining Reclamation Fund Advisory Board
- 317 Coastal Land Management Advisory Council, Virginia
- 318 Commonwealth Competition Council
- **319** Commonwealth Council on Aging
- **320** Council on Indians
- **321** Council on the Status of Women
- 322 Debt Capacity Advisory Committee
- 323 Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board
- **324** Falls of the James Committee
- 325 Goose Creek Scenic River Advisory Board
- **326** Governor's Mined Land Reclamation Advisory Committee
- **327** Hemophilia Advisory Board
- **328** Human Services Information and Referral Advisory Council
- **329** Interagency Coordinating Council on Housing for the Disabled
- 330 Interdepartmental Board of the State Department of Minority Business Enterprise
- 331 Litter Control and Recycling Fund Advisory Board
- **332** Local Advisory Board to the Blue Ridge Community College
- **333** Local Advisory Board to the Central Virginia Community College
- 334 Local Advisory Board to the Dabney S. Lancaster Community College
- 335 Local Advisory Board to the Danville Community College
- **336** Local Advisory Board to the Eastern Shore Community College
- 337 Local Advisory Board to the Germanna Community College
- 338 Local Advisory Board to the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
- 339 Local Advisory Board to the John Tyler Community College
- 340 Local Advisory Board to the Lord Fairfax Community College
- 341 Local Advisory Board to the Mountain Empire Community College
- 342 Local Advisory Board to the New River Community College
- 343 Local Advisory Board to the Northern Virginia Community College
- 344 Local Advisory Board to the Patrick Henry Community College
- 345 Local Advisory Board to the Paul D. Camp Community College346 Local Advisory Board to the Piedmont Virginia Community College
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- 348 Local Advisory Board to the Southside Virginia Community College
- **349** Local Advisory Board to the Southwest Virginia Community College
- **350** Local Advisory Board to the Thomas Nelson Community College
- 351 Local Advisory Board to the Tidewater Community College
- 352 Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Highlands Community College
- 353 Local Advisory Board to the Virginia Western Community College
- **354** Local Advisory Board to the Wytheville Community College
- 355 Maternal and Child Health Council
- 356 Medical Advisory Board, Department of Motor Vehicles
- 357 Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers Board
- **358** Motor Vehicle Dealer's Advisory Board
- 359 North Meherrin State Scenic River Advisory Board
- **360** Nottoway State Scenic River Advisory Board
- **361** Personnel Advisory Board

context of an approved chemical dependency treatment program, under the appropriate supervision of a

| 362 | Plant Pollination Advisory Board |
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| 363 | Private College Advisory Board |
| 364 | Private Security Services Advisory Board |
| 365 | Psychiatric Advisory Board |
| 366 | Public Guardian and Conservator Advisory Board |
| 367 | Radiation Advisory Board |
| 368 | Rappahannock Scenic River Advisory Board |
| 369 | Recreational Fishing Advisory Board, Virginia |
| 370 | Reforestation Board |
| 371 | Rockfish State Scenic River Advisory Board |
| 372 | Shenandoah State Scenic River Advisory Board |
| 372 | Small Business Advisory Board |
| 373 374 | |
| | Small Business Environmental Compliance Advisory Board |
| 375 | St. Mary's Scenic River Advisory Committee |
| 376 | State Advisory Board for the Virginia Employment Commission |
| 377 | State Advisory Board on Air Pollution |
| 378 | State Building Code Technical Review Board |
| 379 | State Health Benefits Advisory Council |
| 380 | State Land Evaluation Advisory Council |
| 381 | State Networking Users Advisory Board |
| 382 | State Public Records Advisory Council |
| 383 | Statewide Independent Living Council |
| 384 | Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council |
| 385 | Statewide Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind |
| 386 | Statewide Workforce Training Council |
| 387 | Staunton Scenic River Advisory Committee |
| 388 | Substance Abuse Services Council |
| 389 | Telecommunications Relay Service Advisory Board |
| 390 | Virginia-Israel Advisory Board |
| 391 | Virginia Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations |
| 392 | Virginia Advisory Council for Adult Education and Literacy |
| 393 | Virginia Coal Mine Safety Board |
| 394 | Virginia Coal Research and Development Advisory Board |
| 395 | Virginia Commission for the Arts |
| 396 | Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution |
| 397 | Virginia Correctional Enterprises Advisory Board |
| 398 | Virginia Council on Coordinating Prevention |
| 399 | Virginia Equal Employment Opportunity Council |
| 400 | Virginia Geographic Information Network Advisory Board |
| 401 | Virginia Interagency Coordinating Council |
| 402 | Virginia Military Advisory Council |
| 403 | Virginia Public Buildings Board |
| 404 | Virginia Recycling Markets Development Council |
| 405 | Virginia Technology Council |
| 406 | Virginia Transplant Council |
| 407 | Virginia Veterans Cemetery Board |
| 408 | Virginia Water Resources Research Center, Statewide Advisory Board |
| 409 | Virginia Winegrowers Advisory Board. |
| 410 | § 54.1-2900. Definitions. |
| 411 | As used in this chapter, unless the context requires a different meaning: |
| 412 | "Acupuncturist" means individuals approved by the Board to practice acupuncture. This is limited to |
| 413 | "licensed acupuncturist" which means an individual other than a doctor of medicine, osteopathy or |
| 414 | podiatry, who has successfully completed the requirements for licensure established by the Board |
| 415 | (approved titles are limited to: Licensed Acupuncturist, Lic.Ac., and L.Ac.) and "physician |
| 416 | acupuncturist" which means doctors of medicine, osteopathy, chiropractic and podiatry who have |
| 417 | fulfilled the physician requirements for licensure to practice acupuncture established by the Board. |
| 418 | "Auricular acupuncture" means the subcutaneous insertion of sterile, disposable acupuncture needles |
| 419 | in predetermined, bilateral locations in the outer ear when used exclusively and specifically in the |
| 420 | context of an approved chemical dependency treatment program under the appropriate supervision of a |

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421 licensed physician acupuncturist or licensed acupuncturist. 422 "Board" means the Board of Medicine.

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423 "Healing arts" means the arts and sciences dealing with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure424 or alleviation of human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities.

425 "Physician assistant" means an individual who has met the requirements of the Board for licensure426 and who works under the supervision of a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or podiatry.

427 "Practice of acupuncture" means the stimulation of certain points on or near the surface of the body 428 by the insertion of needles to prevent or modify the perception of pain or to normalize physiological 429 functions, including pain control, for the treatment of certain ailments or conditions of the body and 430 includes the techniques of electroacupuncture, cupping and moxibustion. The practice of acupuncture 431 does not include the use of physical therapy, chiropractic, or osteopathic manipulative techniques; the 432 use or prescribing of any drugs, medications, herbal preparations, nutritional supplements, serums or 433 vaccines, nor; or the procedure of auricular acupuncture as exempted in § 54.1-2901 when used 434 specifically and exclusively in the context of a publicly supported comprehensive drug treatment 435 program by an employee of the program who is trained and approved by the National Acupuncture 436 Detoxification Association.

437 "Practice of athletic training" means the prevention, recognition, evaluation, and treatment of 438 injuries or conditions related to athletic or recreational activity that requires physical skill and utilizes 439 strength, power, endurance, speed, flexibility, range of motion or agility or a substantially similar injury 440 or condition resulting from occupational activity immediately upon the onset of such injury or condition; 441 and subsequent treatment and rehabilitation of such injuries or conditions under the direction of a 442 licensed physical therapist and the patient's physician or under the direction of any doctor of medicine, 443 osteopathy, chiropractic, podiatry, or dentistry, while using heat, light, sound, cold, electricity, exercise 444 or mechanical or other devices.

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

449 "Practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine" means the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of450 human physical or mental ailments, conditions, diseases, pain or infirmities by any means or method.

451 "Practice of occupational therapy" means the evaluation, analysis, assessment, and delivery of
452 education and training in activities of daily living (ADL); the design, fabrication, and application of
453 orthoses (splints); guidance in the selection and use of adaptive equipment; therapeutic activities to
454 enhance functional performance; prevocational evaluation and training; and consultation concerning the
455 adaptation of physical environments for individuals who have disabilities.

⁴⁵⁶ "Practice of physical therapy" means, upon medical referral and direction, the evaluation, testing,
⁴⁵⁷ treatment, reeducation and rehabilitation by physical, mechanical or electronic measures and procedures
⁴⁵⁸ of individuals who, because of trauma, disease or birth defect, present physical and emotional disorders,
⁴⁵⁹ but does not include the use of Roentgen rays and radium for diagnostic or therapeutic purposes or the
⁴⁶⁰ use of electricity for shock therapy and surgical purposes including cauterization.

461 "Practice of podiatry" means the medical, mechanical and surgical treatment of the ailments of the
462 human foot and ankle, but does not include amputation proximal to the metatarsal-phalangeal joints. The
463 Board of Medicine shall determine whether a specific type of treatment of the foot and ankle is within
464 the scope of practice of podiatry.

465 "Practice of radiologic technology" means the application of x-rays to human beings for diagnostic or466 therapeutic purposes.

467 "Practice of respiratory care" means the (i) administration of pharmacological, diagnostic, and 468 therapeutic agents related to respiratory care procedures necessary to implement a treatment, disease 469 prevention, pulmonary rehabilitative, or diagnostic regimen prescribed by a practitioner of medicine or 470 osteopathic medicine; (ii) transcription and implementation of the written or verbal orders of a 471 practitioner of medicine or osteopathic medicine pertaining to the practice of respiratory care; (iii) 472 observation and monitoring of signs and symptoms, general behavior, general physical response to respiratory care treatment and diagnostic testing, including determination of whether such signs, 473 474 symptoms, reactions, behavior or general physical response exhibit abnormal characteristics; and (iv) 475 implementation of respiratory care procedures, based on observed abnormalities, or appropriate reporting, 476 referral, respiratory care protocols or changes in treatment pursuant to the written or verbal orders by a 477 licensed practitioner of medicine or osteopathic medicine or the initiation of emergency procedures, 478 pursuant to the Board's regulations or as otherwise authorized by law. The practice of respiratory care 479 may be performed in any clinic, hospital, skilled nursing facility, private dwelling or other place deemed 480 appropriate by the Board in accordance with the written or verbal order of a practitioner of medicine or 481 osteopathic medicine, and shall be performed under qualified medical direction.

482 "Qualified medical direction" means, in the context of the practice of respiratory care, having readily
 483 accessible to the respiratory care practitioner a licensed practitioner of medicine or osteopathic medicine

484 who has specialty training or experience in the management of acute and chronic respiratory disorders485 and who is responsible for the quality, safety, and appropriateness of the respiratory services provided486 by the respiratory care practitioner.

487 "Radiologic technologist" means an individual, other than a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, 488 podiatry, or chiropractic, or a dentist licensed pursuant to Chapter 27 (§ 54.1-2700 et seq.) of this title, 489 who (i) performs, may be called upon to perform, or who is licensed to perform a comprehensive scope 490 of diagnostic radiologic procedures employing equipment which emits ionizing radiation and (ii) is 491 delegated or exercises responsibility for the operation of radiation-generating equipment, the shielding of 492 patient and staff from unnecessary radiation, the appropriate exposure of radiographs or other procedures 493 which contribute to any significant extent to the site or dosage of ionizing radiation to which a patient is **494** exposed.

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

⁷Respiratory care" means the practice of the allied health profession responsible for the direct and indirect services, including inhalation therapy and respiratory therapy, in the treatment, management, diagnostic testing, control and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system under qualified medical direction.

504 § 54.1-2957.4. Certification as athletic trainer required; requisite training and educational **505** requirements; powers of the Board concerning athletic training.

A. It shall be unlawful for any person to practice or to hold himself out as practicing as an athletic
trainer unless he holds a certificate as an athletic trainer ninety days after the effective date of
regulations promulgated by the Board implementing athletic trainer certification. The Board shall issue
certificates to practice athletic training to applicants for such certification who meet the requirements of
this chapter and the Board's regulations.

B. The Board shall establish criteria for the certification of athletic trainers to ensure the 511 512 appropriate training and educational credentials for the practice of athletic training. Such criteria may include experiential requirements and shall include one of the following: (i) a Virginia testing program 513 514 to determine the quality of the training and educational credentials for and competence of athletic 515 trainers, (ii) successful completion of a training program and passage of the certifying examination 516 administered by the National Athletic Training Association Board of Certification resulting in 517 certification as an athletic trainer by such national association, or (iii) completion of another 518 Board-approved training program and certifying examination.

519 C. At its discretion, the Board may grant provisional certification to persons who have successfully
520 completed an approved training program or who have met requisite experience criteria established by
521 the Board. Such provisional certification shall expire as provided for in the regulations of the Board.

522 D. The Board shall promulgate such regulations as may be necessary for the certification of athletic 523 trainers and the issuance of certificates to athletic trainers to practice in the Commonwealth. The 524 Board's regulations shall assure the competence and integrity of any person claiming to be an athletic 525 trainer or who engages in the practice of athletic training.

526 § 54.1-2957.5. Advisory Board on Athletic Training established; duties; composition; appointment; **527** terms.

A. The Advisory Board on Athletic Training shall assist the Board in formulating its requirements for
the certification of athletic trainers. In the exercise of this responsibility, the Advisory Board shall
recommend to the Board the criteria for certification of athletic trainers and the standards of
professional conduct for certificate holders. The Advisory Board shall also assist in such other matters
relating to the practice of athletic training as the Board may require.

533 B. The Advisory Board shall consist of five members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. 534 The first appointments shall provide for staggered terms with two members being appointed for a 535 two-year term, two members being appointed for a three-year term and one member being appointed for 536 a four-year term. Three members shall be at the time of appointment athletic trainers who have 537 practiced for not less than three years, including one athletic trainer practicing at a secondary school, 538 one practicing at an institution of higher education, and one practicing in a nonacademic environment. 539 One member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth and one member 540 shall be a citizen appointed by the Governor from the Commonwealth at large.

541 Vacancies occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled for the unexpired term. No 542 person shall be eligible to serve on the Advisory Board for more than two full consecutive terms.

543 § 54.1-2957.6. Exceptions to athletic trainer certification.

544 A. The requirements for certification of athletic trainers shall not prohibit the recognition,

evaluation, and treatment of injuries or conditions related to physical activity immediately upon the
onset of such injury or condition, or the prevention of injuries or conditions, by any coach, physical
education instructor or person conducting exercise or conditioning programs or classes within the scope
of their duties as employees or volunteers; nor shall the requirements for certification of athletic
trainers prevent student athletic trainers from practicing athletic training under the supervision and
control of a certified athletic trainer or a person who is otherwise exempt from the athletic certification

552 *B.* Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 54.1-2957.4 and 54.1-2957.5, any person who, prior to June

553 30, 1999, is employed in Virginia as an athletic trainer, or in the performance of his employment duties 554 engages in the practice of athletic training, shall not be required to obtain a certificate from the Board

555 to continue to be so employed until July 1, 2002.