

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2015 SESSION

CHAPTER 122

An Act to amend and reenact § 54.1-2959 of the Code of Virginia, relating to chiropractic schools; student training and practice.

[S 1058]

Approved March 16, 2015

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2959 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2959. Supervised training programs; students enrolled in schools of medicine or chiropractic schools allowed to engage in certain activities; prohibition of unauthorized pelvic exams.

A. Students enrolled in schools of medicine may (i) participate in preceptorship programs ~~which~~ *that* are a part of the training program of the medical school; or (ii) practice in clinics, hospitals, educational institutions, private medical offices, or other health facilities, in a program approved by the school, under the direct tutorial supervision of a licensed physician who holds an appointment on the faculty of a school of medicine approved by the Board.

B. *Students enrolled in chiropractic schools may (i) participate in preceptorship programs that are a part of the training program of the chiropractic school or (ii) practice in clinics, hospitals, educational institutions, private medical offices, or other health facilities, in a program approved by the school, under the direct tutorial supervision of a licensed chiropractor who holds an appointment on the faculty of a chiropractic school approved by the Board.*

C. Students participating in a course of professional instruction or clinical training program shall not perform a pelvic examination on an anesthetized or unconscious female patient unless the patient or her authorized agent gives informed consent to such examination, the performance of such examination is within the scope of care ordered for the patient, or in the case of a patient incapable of giving informed consent, the examination is necessary for diagnosis or treatment of such patient.