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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact §§ 54.1-2901 and 54.1-2927 of the Code of Virginia, relating to practitioners of the healing arts; temporary authorization to practice.

[S 399]

Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 54.1-2901 and 54.1-2927 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows: § 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;
- 11. The advertising or sale of commercial appliances or remedies;
- 12. The fitting by nonitinerant persons or manufacturers of artificial eyes, limbs or other apparatus or appliances or the fitting of plaster cast counterparts of deformed portions of the body by a nonitinerant bracemaker or prosthetist for the purpose of having a three-dimensional record of the deformity, when such bracemaker or prosthetist has received a prescription from a licensed physician, licensed nurse practitioner, or licensed physician assistant directing the fitting of such casts and such activities are conducted in conformity with the laws of Virginia;
- 13. Any person from the rendering of first aid or medical assistance in an emergency in the absence of a person licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy under the provisions of this chapter;
- 14. The practice of the religious tenets of any church in the ministrations to the sick and suffering by mental or spiritual means without the use of any drug or material remedy, whether gratuitously or for compensation;
- 15. Any legally qualified out-of-state or foreign practitioner from meeting in consultation with legally licensed practitioners in this Commonwealth;
- 16. Any practitioner of the healing arts licensed or certified and in good standing with the applicable regulatory agency in another state or Canada when that practitioner of the healing arts is in Virginia temporarily and such practitioner has been issued a temporary license or certification authorization by the Board from practicing medicine or the duties of the profession for which he is licensed or certified

57 (i) in a summer camp or in conjunction with patients who are participating in recreational activities, (ii)
58 while participating in continuing educational programs prescribed by the Board, or (iii) by rendering at
59 any site any health care services within the limits of his license, voluntarily and without compensation,
60 to any patient of any clinic which is organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care
61 services without charge as provided in § 54.1-106;

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

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

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

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

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

76 22. Any commissioned or contract medical officer of the army, navy, coast guard or air force
77 rendering services voluntarily and without compensation while deemed to be licensed pursuant to
78 § 54.1-106;

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

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

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

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

94 27. Any practitioner of the healing arts or other profession regulated by the Board from rendering
95 free health care to an underserved population of Virginia who (i) does not regularly practice his
96 profession in Virginia, (ii) holds a current valid license or certificate to practice his profession in another
97 state, territory, district or possession of the United States, (iii) volunteers to provide free health care to
98 an underserved area of the Commonwealth under the auspices of a publicly supported all volunteer,
99 nonprofit organization that sponsors the provision of health care to populations of underserved people,
100 (iv) files a copy of the license or certification issued in such other jurisdiction with the Board, (v)
101 notifies the Board at least five business days prior to the voluntary provision of services of the dates and
102 location of such service, and (vi) acknowledges, in writing, that such licensure exemption shall only be
103 valid, in compliance with the Board's regulations, during the limited period that such free health care is
104 made available through the volunteer, nonprofit organization on the dates and at the location filed with
105 the Board. The Board may deny the right to practice in Virginia to any practitioner of the healing arts
106 whose license or certificate has been previously suspended or revoked, who has been convicted of a
107 felony or who is otherwise found to be in violation of applicable laws or regulations. However, the
108 Board shall allow a practitioner of the healing arts who meets the above criteria to provide volunteer
109 services without prior notice for a period of up to three days, provided the nonprofit organization
110 verifies that the practitioner has a valid, unrestricted license in another state;

111 28. Any registered nurse, acting as an agent of the Department of Health, from obtaining specimens
112 of sputum or other bodily fluid from persons in whom the diagnosis of active tuberculosis disease, as
113 defined in § 32.1-49.1, is suspected and submitting orders for testing of such specimens to the Division
114 of Consolidated Laboratories or other public health laboratories, designated by the State Health
115 Commissioner, for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of tubercle bacilli as defined in
116 § 32.1-49.1;

117 29. Any physician of medicine or osteopathy or nurse practitioner from delegating to a registered

118 nurse under his supervision the screening and testing of children for elevated blood-lead levels when
119 such testing is conducted (i) in accordance with a written protocol between the physician or nurse
120 practitioner and the registered nurse and (ii) in compliance with the Board of Health's regulations
121 promulgated pursuant to §§ 32.1-46.1 and 32.1-46.2. Any follow-up testing or treatment shall be
122 conducted at the direction of a physician or nurse practitioner;

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

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

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

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

139 **§ 54.1-2927. Applicants from other states without reciprocity; temporary licenses or certificates**
140 **for certain practitioners of the healing arts.**

141 A. The Board, in its discretion, may issue certificates or licenses to applicants upon endorsement by
142 boards or other appropriate authorities of other states or territories or the District of Columbia with
143 which reciprocal relations have not been established if the credentials of such applicants are satisfactory
144 and the examinations and passing grades required by such other boards are fully equal to those required
145 by the Virginia Board.

146 The Board may issue certificates or licenses to applicants holding certificates from the national
147 boards of their respective branches of the healing arts if their credentials, schools of graduation and
148 national board examinations and results are acceptable to the Board. The Board shall promulgate
149 regulations in order to carry out the provisions of this section.

150 B. The Board may issue a ~~license or certificate~~ *authorization to practice* valid for a period not to
151 exceed three months to a practitioner of the healing arts licensed or certified and in good standing with
152 the applicable regulatory agency in the state, District of Columbia, or Canada where the practitioner
153 resides when the practitioner is in Virginia temporarily to practice the healing arts (i) in a summer camp
154 or in conjunction with patients who are participating in recreational activities, (ii) in continuing
155 education programs, or (iii) by rendering at any site any health care services within the limits of his
156 license or certificate, voluntarily and without compensation, to any patient of any clinic ~~which~~ *that* is
157 organized in whole or in part for the delivery of health care services without charge as provided in
158 § 54.1-106. ~~Approval of the credentials of such practitioners and the form of such licenses or certificates~~
159 ~~shall be governed by regulations promulgated by the Board.~~ A fee not to exceed ~~twenty-five dollars~~ \$25
160 may be charged by the Board for the issuance of a ~~license or certificate~~ *authorized by authorization to*
161 *practice pursuant to the provisions of* this subsection.