



Substitute House Bill No. 6947

Public Act No. 05-66

AN ACT CONCERNING DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE TECHNICIANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Any dialysis patient care technician employed in an outpatient dialysis unit may administer saline, heparin or lidocaine as necessary to initiate or terminate a patient's dialysis, provided (1) the ratio of on duty staff providing direct patient care to dialysis patients is at least three to nine, and (2) at least one of the three on duty direct patient care staff persons is a registered nurse licensed to practice in this state. For purposes of this section, "dialysis patient care technician" means a person who has obtained certification as a dialysis patient care technician by an organization approved by the Department of Public Health.

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are licensed or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

- (1) Speech pathologist and audiologist;
- (2) Hearing instrument specialist;

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- (3) Nursing home administrator;
- (4) Sanitarian;
- (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;
- (6) Marital and family therapist;
- (7) Nurse-midwife;
- (8) Licensed clinical social worker;
- (9) Respiratory care practitioner;
- (10) Asbestos contractor and asbestos consultant;
- (11) Massage therapist;
- (12) Registered nurse's aide;
- (13) Radiographer;
- (14) Dental hygienist;
- (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- (19) Professional counselor;
- (20) Acupuncturist;
- (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead

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consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker, inspector and planner-project designer;

(23) Emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate, medical response technician and emergency medical services instructor; [and]

(24) Paramedic; and

(25) Dialysis patient care technician.

The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v, 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and renewal; grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

Sec. 3. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes, as amended by section 8 of public act 00-226, is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective on and after the later of October 1, 2000, or the date notice is published by the Commissioner of Public Health in the Connecticut Law Journal indicating that the licensing of athletic trainers and physical therapist assistants is being implemented by the commissioner*):

(c) No board shall exist for the following professions that are licensed or otherwise regulated by the Department of Public Health:

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- (4) Sanitarian;
- (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;
- (6) Marital and family therapist;
- (7) Nurse-midwife;
- (8) Licensed clinical social worker;
- (9) Respiratory care practitioner;
- (10) Asbestos contractor and asbestos consultant;
- (11) Massage therapist;
- (12) Registered nurse's aide;
- (13) Radiographer;
- (14) Dental hygienist;
- (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- (19) Professional counselor;
- (20) Acupuncturist;
- (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker, inspector and planner-project designer;

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(23) Emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-intermediate, medical response technician and emergency medical services instructor;

(24) Paramedic; [and]

(25) Athletic trainer; and

(26) Dialysis patient care technician.

The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v, 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a and 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and renewal; grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

Sec. 4. Section 20-101 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

No provision of this chapter shall confer any authority to practice medicine or surgery nor shall this chapter prohibit any person from the domestic administration of family remedies or the furnishing of assistance in the case of an emergency; nor shall it be construed as prohibiting persons employed in state hospitals and state sanatoriums and subsidiary workers in general hospitals from assisting in the nursing care of patients if adequate medical and nursing supervision is provided; nor shall it be construed to prohibit the administration of medications by dialysis patient care technicians in accordance with section 1 of this act; nor shall it be construed as prohibiting students who are enrolled in schools of nursing approved pursuant to section 20-90, and students who are enrolled in schools for licensed practical nurses approved pursuant to section 20-90, from performing such

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work as is incidental to their respective courses of study; nor shall it prohibit graduates of schools of nursing or schools for licensed practical nurses approved pursuant to section 20-90, from nursing the sick for a period not to exceed ninety calendar days after the date of graduation, provided such graduate nurses are working in hospitals or organizations where adequate supervision is provided, and such hospital or other organization has verified that the graduate nurse has successfully completed a nursing program. Upon notification that the graduate nurse has failed the licensure examination, all privileges under this section shall automatically cease. No provision of this chapter shall prohibit any registered nurse who has been issued a temporary permit by the department, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 20-94, from caring for the sick pending the issuance of a license without examination; nor shall it prohibit any licensed practical nurse who has been issued a temporary permit by the department, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 20-97, from caring for the sick pending the issuance of a license without examination; nor shall it prohibit any qualified registered nurse or any qualified licensed practical nurse of another state from caring for a patient temporarily in this state, provided such nurse has been granted a temporary permit from said department and provided such nurse shall not represent or hold himself or herself out as a nurse licensed to practice in this state; nor shall it prohibit registered nurses or licensed practical nurses from other states from doing such nursing as is incident to their course of study when taking postgraduate courses in this state; nor shall it prohibit nursing or care of the sick, with or without compensation or personal profit, in connection with the practice of the religious tenets of any church by adherents thereof, provided such persons shall not otherwise engage in the practice of nursing within the meaning of this chapter. This chapter shall not prohibit the care of persons in their homes by domestic servants, housekeepers, nursemaids, companions, attendants or household aides of any type, whether employed regularly or because of an emergency of illness, if such persons are not

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initially employed in a nursing capacity.

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