



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 1024

January Session, 2005

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AN ACT CONCERNING PERFUSIONISTS.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) As used in sections 1 to 3,
2 inclusive, of this act and subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general
3 statutes, as amended by this act:

4 (1) "Commissioner" means the Commissioner of Public Health.

5 (2) "Department" means the Department of Public Health.

6 (3) "Extracorporeal circulation" means the diversion of a patient's
7 blood through a heart-lung machine or a similar device that assumes
8 the functions of the patient's heart, lungs, kidney, liver or other organs.

9 (4) "Perfusion" means the functions necessary for the support,
10 treatment, measurement or supplementation of the cardiovascular,
11 circulatory or respiratory system or other organs, or a combination of
12 such activities, and to ensure the safe management of physiologic
13 functions by monitoring and analyzing the parameters of the systems
14 under an order and under the supervision of a licensed physician,
15 including, but not limited to:

16 (A) The use of extracorporeal circulation, long-term
17 cardiopulmonary support techniques including extracorporeal carbon-
18 dioxide removal and extracorporeal membrane oxygenation and

19 associated therapeutic and diagnostic technologies;

20 (B) Counterpulsation, ventricular assistance, autotransfusion, blood
21 conservation techniques, myocardial and organ preservation,
22 extracorporeal life support and isolated limb perfusion;

23 (C) The use of techniques involving blood management, advanced
24 life support and other related functions; and

25 (D) In the performance of the following activities:

26 (i) The administration of pharmacological and therapeutic agents, or
27 blood products or anesthetic agents through the extracorporeal circuit
28 or through an intravenous line as ordered by a physician;

29 (ii) The performance and use of anticoagulation monitoring and
30 analysis; physiologic monitoring and analysis; blood gas and
31 chemistry monitoring and analysis; hematologic monitoring and
32 analysis; hypothermia; hyperthermia; hemoconcentration and
33 hemodilution; or modified extracorporeal circulatory hemodialysis; or

34 (iii) The observation of signs and symptoms related to perfusion
35 services, the determination of whether the signs and symptoms exhibit
36 abnormal characteristics, and the implementation of appropriate
37 reporting, perfusion protocols, or changes in or the initiation of
38 emergency procedures.

39 (5) "Perfusionist" means a person who is licensed to practice
40 perfusion pursuant to the provisions of sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this
41 act.

42 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) (a) No person shall practice
43 perfusion in this state unless the person holds a valid license from the
44 department to practice perfusion in this state. No person shall use the
45 title "perfusionist" or make use of any title, words, letters or
46 abbreviations that may reasonably be confused with licensure as a
47 perfusionist unless such person holds a valid license from the
48 department to practice perfusion in this state.

49 (b) Each person seeking licensure to practice perfusion in this state
50 shall make application on forms prescribed by the department, pay an
51 application fee of two hundred fifty dollars and present to the
52 department satisfactory evidence that such person (1) successfully
53 completed a perfusion education program with standards established
54 by the Accreditation Committee for Perfusion Education and approved
55 by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education
56 Programs, or a program with substantially equivalent standards
57 approved by the department, and (2) successfully completed the
58 certification examination offered by the American Board of
59 Cardiovascular Perfusion, or its successor, or a substantially equivalent
60 examination approved by the department. The commissioner shall
61 grant a license as a perfusionist to any applicant who meets the
62 requirements of this section.

63 (c) No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant
64 against whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the
65 subject of an unresolved complaint in this or any other state or
66 territory.

67 (d) Licenses shall be renewed annually in accordance with the
68 provisions of section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as amended by this
69 act, for a fee of two hundred fifty dollars.

70 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) The Commissioner of Public
71 Health may take any disciplinary action set forth in section 19a-17 of
72 the general statutes, against a perfusionist for any of the following
73 reasons: (1) Failure to conform to the accepted standards of the
74 profession; (2) conviction of a felony; (3) fraud or deceit in obtaining or
75 seeking reinstatement of a license to practice perfusion; (4) fraud or
76 deceit in the practice of the profession; (5) negligent, incompetent or
77 wrongful conduct in professional activities; (6) physical, mental or
78 emotional illness or disorder resulting in an inability to conform to the
79 accepted standards of the profession; (7) alcohol or substance abuse;
80 (8) wilful falsification of entries in any hospital, patient or other record
81 pertaining to the profession; or (9) violation of any provision of

82 sections 1 to 3, inclusive, of this act. The commissioner may order a
83 license holder to submit to a reasonable physical or mental
84 examination if the physical or mental capacity of the license holder to
85 practice safely is the subject of an investigation. The commissioner may
86 petition the superior court for the judicial district of Hartford to
87 enforce such order or any action taken pursuant to said section 19a-17.
88 The commissioner shall give notice and an opportunity to be heard on
89 any contemplated action under said section 19a-17.

90 Sec. 4. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes is
91 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
92 *October 1, 2005*):

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

- 95 (1) Speech pathologist and audiologist;
- 96 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;
- 97 (3) Nursing home administrator;
- 98 (4) Sanitarian;
- 99 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;
- 100 (6) Marital and family therapist;
- 101 (7) Nurse-midwife;
- 102 (8) Licensed clinical social worker;
- 103 (9) Respiratory care practitioner;
- 104 (10) Asbestos contractor and asbestos consultant;
- 105 (11) Massage therapist;
- 106 (12) Registered nurse's aide;

- 107 (13) Radiographer;
- 108 (14) Dental hygienist;
- 109 (15) Dietitian-Nutritionist;
- 110 (16) Asbestos abatement worker;
- 111 (17) Asbestos abatement site supervisor;
- 112 (18) Licensed or certified alcohol and drug counselor;
- 113 (19) Professional counselor;
- 114 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 115 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 116 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead
117 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker,
118 inspector and planner-project designer;
- 119 (23) Emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-
120 intermediate, medical response technician and emergency medical
121 services instructor; [and]
- 122 (24) Paramedic; and
- 123 (25) Perfusionist.

124 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested
125 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such
126 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,
127 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a
128 and 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and
129 renewal; grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing
130 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise
131 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

132 Sec. 5. Subsection (c) of section 19a-14 of the general statutes, as

133 amended by section 8 of public act 00-226, is repealed and the
134 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective on and after the later of*
135 *October 1, 2000, or the date notice is published by the Commissioner of Public*
136 *Health in the Connecticut Law Journal indicating that the licensing of athletic*
137 *trainers and physical therapist assistants is being implemented by the*
138 *commissioner*):

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

- 141 (1) Speech pathologist and audiologist;
- 142 (2) Hearing instrument specialist;
- 143 (3) Nursing home administrator;
- 144 (4) Sanitarian;
- 145 (5) Subsurface sewage system installer or cleaner;
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- 159 (19) Professional counselor;
- 160 (20) Acupuncturist;
- 161 (21) Occupational therapist and occupational therapist assistant;
- 162 (22) Lead abatement contractor, lead consultant contractor, lead
163 consultant, lead abatement supervisor, lead abatement worker,
164 inspector and planner-project designer;
- 165 (23) Emergency medical technician, emergency medical technician-
166 intermediate, medical response technician and emergency medical
167 services instructor;
- 168 (24) Paramedic; [and]
- 169 (25) Perfusionist; and
- 170 ~~[(25)]~~ (26) Athletic trainer.

171 The department shall assume all powers and duties normally vested
172 with a board in administering regulatory jurisdiction over such
173 professions. The uniform provisions of this chapter and chapters 368v,
174 369 to 381a, inclusive, 383 to 388, inclusive, 393a, 395, 398, 399, 400a
175 and 400c, including, but not limited to, standards for entry and
176 renewal; grounds for professional discipline; receiving and processing
177 complaints; and disciplinary sanctions, shall apply, except as otherwise
178 provided by law, to the professions listed in this subsection.

179 Sec. 6. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes is
180 amended by adding subdivision (5) as follows (*Effective October 1,*
181 *2005*):

182 (NEW) (5) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section
183 2 of this act shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth,

184 apply for renewal of such license to the Department of Public Health,
 185 upon payment of a fee of two hundred fifty dollars, giving such
 186 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address
 187 and such other information as the department requests.

188 Sec. 7. Subsection (e) of section 19a-88 of the general statutes, as
 189 amended by section 9 of public act 00-226, is amended by adding
 190 subdivision (5) as follows (*Effective on and after the later of October 1,*
 191 *2000, or the date notice is published by the Commissioner of Public Health in*
 192 *the Connecticut Law Journal indicating that the licensing of athletic trainers*
 193 *and physical therapist assistants is being implemented by the commissioner):*

194 (NEW) (5) Each person holding a license issued pursuant to section
 195 2 of this act shall, annually, during the month of such person's birth,
 196 apply for renewal of such license to the Department of Public Health,
 197 upon payment of a fee of two hundred fifty dollars, giving such
 198 person's name in full, such person's residence and business address
 199 and such other information as the department requests.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	19a-14(c)
Sec. 5	<i>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</i>	19a-14(c)
Sec. 6	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	19a-88(e)

