

SENATE BILL 915

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ENROLLED BILL
— *Finance/Health* —

Introduced by **Senator Mautz**

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President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physicians – Delegation of Duties – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring an individual to be registered with the State Board of
4 Physicians to perform limited X-ray machine operations in the State; establishing
5 certain disciplinary procedures for limited X-ray machine operators; recodifying
6 certain provisions of law related to registered cardiovascular invasive specialists and
7 supervised medical graduates; authorizing a physician assistant to perform X-ray
8 duties under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the delegation of duties
9 by physicians and physician assistants.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 14–206(e)(2)(viii), 14–306, 14–602, and 15–302.1(c)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



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6 BY adding to
 7 Article – Health Occupations
 8 Section 14–206(e)(2)(x), 14–306.1, 14–306.2, 14–306.3, and 14–306.4
 9 Annotated Code of Maryland
 10 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 12 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article – Health Occupations**

14 14–206.

15 (e) A disciplinary panel may issue a cease and desist order or obtain injunctive
 16 relief against an individual for:

17 (2) Representing to the public, by title, description of services, methods,
 18 procedures, or otherwise, that the individual is authorized to practice:

19 (viii) Genetic counseling in this State, in violation of § 14–5G–24 of
 20 this title; [or]

21 (ix) As a physician assistant in this State, in violation of § 15–402 of
 22 this article; or

23 (x) **LIMITED X–RAY MACHINE OPERATION IN THE STATE, IN**
 24 **VIOLATION OF § 14–306.3 OF THIS TITLE; OR**

25 14–306.

26 (a) [Except as provided in subsections (e) and (f) of this section, to] **TO** the extent
 27 [permitted] **AUTHORIZED** by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Board, an individual
 28 to whom duties are delegated by a licensed physician or physician assistant may perform
 29 those duties without a license as provided in this section.

30 (b) The individuals to whom duties may be delegated under this section include
 31 any individual authorized to practice any other health occupation regulated under this
 32 article or § 13–516 of the Education Article.

1 (c) (1) The Board shall adopt rules and regulations to delineate the scope of
2 this section.

3 (2) Before [it] **THE BOARD** adopts any rule or regulation under this
4 section, the Board shall invite and consider proposals from any individual or health group
5 that could be affected by the rule or regulation.

6 (d) (1) If a duty that is to be delegated under this section is a part of the
7 practice of a health occupation that is regulated under this article by another board, any
8 rule or regulation concerning that duty shall be adopted jointly by the Board of Physicians
9 and the board that regulates the other health occupation.

10 (2) If the two boards cannot agree on a proposed rule or regulation, the
11 proposal shall be submitted to the Secretary for a final decision.

12 [(e) Except as otherwise provided in this section and in accordance with
13 regulations adopted by the Board, an individual may perform X-ray duties without a
14 license only if the duties:

15 (1) Do not include:

16 (i) Computerized or noncomputerized tomography;

17 (ii) Fluoroscopy;

18 (iii) Invasive radiology;

19 (iv) Mammography;

20 (v) Nuclear medicine;

21 (vi) Radiation therapy; or

22 (vii) Xerography;

23 (2) Are limited to X-ray procedures of the:

24 (i) Chest;

25 (ii) Spine, including the:

26 1. Cervical spine;

27 2. Lumbar spine;

28 3. Sacroiliac joints;

1 4. Sacrum and coccyx; and

2 5. Thoracic spine;

3 (iii) Lower extremities, including:

4 1. Toes;

5 2. The foot;

6 3. The ankle;

7 4. The calcaneus;

8 5. The tibia and fibula;

9 6. The knee and patella; and

10 7. The femur; and

11 (iv) Upper extremities, including:

12 1. Fingers;

13 2. The hand;

14 3. The wrist;

15 4. The forearm;

16 5. The elbow;

17 6. The humerus;

18 7. The shoulder;

19 8. The clavicle;

20 9. Acromioclavicular joints; and

21 10. The scapula; and

22 (3) Are performed:

1 (i) In the physician's office under the supervision of a licensed
2 physician or radiologic technologist who is on-site or able to provide immediately available
3 direction; and

4 (ii) 1. By an individual who has:

5 A. Attested to the completion of at least 6 months of clinical
6 care experience; and

7 B. Completed a limited scope X-ray educational program
8 consisting of at least 115 hours of didactic training delivered by a radiologic technologist
9 certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists providing instruction in
10 radiographic anatomy, procedures, and pathology, digital image acquisition and display,
11 fundamentals, ethics, and laws of health care, human anatomy and physiology, image
12 production and analysis, imaging equipment and radiation production, medical
13 terminology, and patient care;

14 C. Completed at least 480 hours of clinical training and
15 successfully completed a minimum of five competencies in each body part listed in item (2)
16 of this subsection under the direct supervision of a radiologic technologist certified by the
17 American Registry of Radiologic Technologists;

18 D. Achieved a passing score, as determined by the Board, on
19 the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists examination for limited scope of practice
20 in radiography or an alternative examination approved by the Board; and

21 E. Registered with the Board attesting to the completion of
22 the requirements of this item and the completion of at least 24 hours of approved continuing
23 education credits earned during the 2-year period immediately following the date of initial
24 registration and every 2 years thereafter; or

25 2. By a licensed physician assistant who has completed a
26 course that includes anterior-posterior and lateral radiographic studies of extremities on
27 at least 20 separate patients under the direct supervision of the delegating physician or
28 radiologist using a mini C-arm or similar low-level radiation machine to perform
29 nonfluoroscopic X-ray procedures, if the duties:

30 A. Include only the X-ray procedures described in paragraph
31 (2)(iii) of this subsection; and

32 B. Are performed pursuant to a Board-approved delegation
33 agreement that includes a request to perform advanced duties under § 15-302(c)(2) of this
34 article.

35 (f) (1) In accordance with regulations adopted by the Board, a licensed
36 physician may delegate duties to a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist assisting
37 in the physician's performance of fluoroscopy if:

1 (i) The delegated duties are limited to a cardiac catheterization
2 procedure performed in a hospital cardiac catheterization laboratory;

3 (ii) The physician is physically present and personally directs each
4 act performed by the registered cardiovascular invasive specialist;

5 (iii) The registered cardiovascular invasive specialist has completed
6 the training and education and has the experience required by regulations adopted by the
7 Board; and

8 (iv) The hospital in which the cardiac catheterization laboratory is
9 located has verified and documented that the registered cardiovascular invasive specialist
10 has completed the training and education and has the experience required by regulations
11 adopted by the Board.

12 (2) The hospital in which the cardiac catheterization laboratory is located
13 and the physician delegating duties to a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist under
14 this subsection are responsible for ensuring that all requirements of this subsection are
15 met for each procedure.

16 (3) A disciplinary panel may impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each
17 instance of a hospital's failure to comply with the requirements of this subsection.

18 (g) (1) (i) In this subsection the following words have the meanings
19 indicated.

20 (ii) "Direct supervision" means oversight exercised by a delegating
21 physician who is:

22 1. Personally treating the patient;

23 2. In the same medical office as the patient and the
24 supervised medical graduate; and

25 3. Immediately available to provide assistance and guidance
26 to the supervised medical graduate for the duration of the completion of a delegated duty.

27 (iii) "Supervised medical graduate" means an individual who:

28 1. Has a degree of:

29 A. Doctor of medicine from a medical school that is accredited
30 by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its regulations; or

1 B. Doctor of osteopathy from a school of osteopathy in the
2 United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, or Canada that has standards for
3 graduation equivalent to those established by the American Osteopathic Association; and

4 2. Has passed parts 1 and 2 of:

5 A. The United States Medical Licensing Examination; or

6 B. The Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing
7 Examination of the United States.

8 (2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection and in accordance with
9 regulations adopted by the Board, a supervised medical graduate may perform delegated
10 duties under direct supervision.

11 (3) An individual may not practice as a supervised medical graduate for a
12 period of more than 2 years.

13 (4) For the purposes of this subsection, a delegating physician is not
14 required to be in the presence of a patient and a supervised medical graduate during the
15 completion of a delegated duty.

16 (h) In accordance with regulations adopted by the Board, a physician's office that
17 employs an individual authorized to perform X-ray duties without a license under
18 subsection (e) of this section is responsible for ensuring that all requirements of subsection
19 (e) of this section are met for each X-ray examination performed.

20 (i) If an unlicensed individual performs X-ray duties without meeting the
21 requirements of subsection (e) of this section, the Board may impose a civil penalty of up
22 to:

23 (1) \$5,000 for each violation on the physician's office where the violation
24 occurred; and

25 (2) \$1,000 for each violation on the individual who committed the
26 violation.]

27 **14-306.1.**

28 **(A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, A**
29 **LICENSED PHYSICIAN MAY DELEGATE DUTIES TO A REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR**
30 **INVASIVE SPECIALIST ASSISTING IN THE PHYSICIAN'S PERFORMANCE OF**
31 **FLUOROSCOPY IF:**

1 **(1) THE DELEGATED DUTIES ARE LIMITED TO A CARDIAC**
2 **CATHETERIZATION PROCEDURE PERFORMED IN A HOSPITAL CARDIAC**
3 **CATHETERIZATION LABORATORY;**

4 **(2) THE PHYSICIAN IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT AND PERSONALLY**
5 **DIRECTS EACH ACT PERFORMED BY THE REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE**
6 **SPECIALIST;**

7 **(3) THE REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALIST HAS**
8 **COMPLETED THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION AND HAS THE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**
9 **BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD; AND**

10 **(4) THE HOSPITAL IN WHICH THE CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION**
11 **LABORATORY IS LOCATED HAS VERIFIED AND DOCUMENTED THAT THE REGISTERED**
12 **CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALIST HAS COMPLETED THE TRAINING AND**
13 **EDUCATION AND HAS THE EXPERIENCE REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY**
14 **THE BOARD.**

15 **(B) THE HOSPITAL IN WHICH THE CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION**
16 **LABORATORY IS LOCATED AND THE PHYSICIAN DELEGATING DUTIES TO A**
17 **REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALIST UNDER THIS SECTION ARE**
18 **RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION ARE MET**
19 **FOR EACH PROCEDURE.**

20 **(C) A DISCIPLINARY PANEL MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY OF UP TO \$5,000**
21 **FOR EACH INSTANCE OF A HOSPITAL'S FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE**
22 **REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.**

23 **14-306.2.**

24 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
25 **INDICATED.**

26 **(2) "ON-SITE SUPERVISION" MEANS OVERSIGHT EXERCISED BY A**
27 **DELEGATING PHYSICIAN WHO IS:**

28 **(I) PERSONALLY TREATING THE PATIENT;**

29 **(II) IN THE SAME MEDICAL OFFICE AS THE PATIENT AND THE**
30 **SUPERVISED MEDICAL GRADUATE; AND**

1 (III) IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND
2 GUIDANCE TO THE SUPERVISED MEDICAL GRADUATE FOR THE DURATION OF THE
3 COMPLETION OF A DELEGATED DUTY.

4 (3) "SUPERVISED MEDICAL GRADUATE" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

5 (I) HAS A DEGREE OF:

6 1. DOCTOR OF MEDICINE FROM A MEDICAL SCHOOL
7 THAT IS ACCREDITED BY AN ACCREDITING ORGANIZATION THAT THE BOARD
8 RECOGNIZES IN ITS REGULATIONS; OR

9 2. DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHY FROM A SCHOOL OF
10 OSTEOPATHY IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES OR POSSESSIONS, PUERTO
11 RICO, OR CANADA THAT HAS STANDARDS FOR GRADUATION EQUIVALENT TO THOSE
12 ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION; AND

13 (II) HAS PASSED PARTS 1 AND 2 OF:

14 1. THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING
15 EXAMINATION; OR

16 2. THE COMPREHENSIVE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL
17 LICENSING EXAMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

18 (B) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION AND IN ACCORDANCE
19 WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, A SUPERVISED MEDICAL GRADUATE
20 MAY PERFORM DELEGATED DUTIES UNDER ON-SITE SUPERVISION.

21 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT PRACTICE AS A SUPERVISED MEDICAL
22 GRADUATE FOR A PERIOD OF MORE THAN 2 YEARS.

23 (D) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, A DELEGATING PHYSICIAN IS
24 NOT REQUIRED TO BE IN THE PRESENCE OF A PATIENT AND A SUPERVISED MEDICAL
25 GRADUATE DURING THE COMPLETION OF A DELEGATED DUTY.

26 14-306.3.

27 (A) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, AN
28 INDIVIDUAL MAY PERFORM X-RAY DUTIES AS A LIMITED X-RAY MACHINE
29 OPERATOR REGISTERED WITH THE BOARD UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT A
30 LICENSE IF THE X-RAY PROCEDURES:

1 **6. THE KNEE AND PATELLA; AND**

2 **7. THE FEMUR; AND**

3 **(IV) UPPER EXTREMITIES, INCLUDING:**

4 **1. FINGERS;**

5 **2. THE HAND;**

6 **3. THE WRIST;**

7 **4. THE FOREARM;**

8 **5. THE ELBOW;**

9 **6. THE HUMERUS;**

10 **7. THE SHOULDER;**

11 **8. THE CLAVICLE;**

12 **9. ACROMIOCLAVICULAR JOINTS; AND**

13 **10. THE SCAPULA;**

14 **(3) ARE PERFORMED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED**
15 **PHYSICIAN OR RADIOGRAPHER WHO IS ON-SITE OR ABLE TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATELY**
16 **AVAILABLE DIRECTION; AND**

17 **(4) ARE PERFORMED BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS REGISTERED WITH**
18 **THE BOARD AND ATTESTS:**

19 **(I) TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS**
20 **OF CLINICAL CARE EXPERIENCE;**

21 **(II) TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF:**

22 **1. A LIMITED X-RAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; OR**

23 **2. THE FIRST YEAR OF AN ACCREDITED RADIOLOGIC**
24 **TECHNOLOGIST PROGRAM IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE BOARD;**

1 (III) TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AT LEAST ~~115~~ 150
2 115 HOURS OF DIDACTIC TRAINING DELIVERED BY A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST
3 CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN REGISTRY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS
4 PROVIDING INSTRUCTION IN RADIOGRAPHIC ANATOMY, PROCEDURES, AND
5 PATHOLOGY, DIGITAL IMAGE ACQUISITION AND DISPLAY, FUNDAMENTALS, ETHICS,
6 AND LAWS OF HEALTH CARE, HUMAN ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY, IMAGE
7 PRODUCTION AND ANALYSIS, IMAGING EQUIPMENT AND RADIATION PRODUCTION,
8 MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY, AND PATIENT CARE;

9 (IV) TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AT LEAST 480 HOURS
10 OF CLINICAL TRAINING;

11 (V) TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A MINIMUM OF FIVE
12 COMPETENCIES IN EACH BODY PART LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(2) OF THIS
13 SECTION UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST
14 CERTIFIED BY THE AMERICAN REGISTRY OF RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGISTS; AND

15 (VI) TO THE SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENT OF A PASSING SCORE,
16 AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD, ON THE AMERICAN REGISTRY OF RADIOLOGIC
17 TECHNOLOGISTS EXAMINATION FOR LIMITED SCOPE OF PRACTICE IN
18 RADIOGRAPHY OR AN ALTERNATIVE EXAMINATION APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

19 (B) IF THE APPLICANT COMPLETED THE FIRST YEAR OF AN ACCREDITED
20 RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
21 OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE AN ATTESTATION DIRECTLY TO
22 THE BOARD STATING THAT THE APPLICANT MEETS OR EXCEEDS THE
23 REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A)(4)(I), (II)2, (III), (IV), (V), AND (VI) OF THIS
24 SECTION.

25 (C) AN INDIVIDUAL SEEKING REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL:

26 (1) APPLY FOR REGISTRATION ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE BOARD;

27 (2) PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD; AND

28 (3) COMPLETE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE
29 BOARD.

30 (D) IF AN INDIVIDUAL WAS DENIED A LICENSE BY THE BOARD, THE
31 INDIVIDUAL IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REGISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION.

1 **(E) AN INDIVIDUAL REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL COMPLETE**
2 **AT LEAST 24 HOURS OF APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS EARNED**
3 **DURING THE 2-YEAR PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EXPIRATION OF A**
4 **REGISTRATION.**

5 **(F) (1) THE TERM OF A REGISTRATION MAY NOT EXCEED 3 YEARS.**

6 **(2) A REGISTRATION SHALL EXPIRE ON A DATE ESTABLISHED BY THE**
7 **BOARD.**

8 **(3) TO RENEW A REGISTRATION, THE REGISTRANT MUST:**

9 **(I) APPLY FOR RENEWAL ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE BOARD;**

10 **(II) PAY THE RENEWAL FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD; AND**

11 **(III) COMPLETE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY**
12 **THE BOARD.**

13 **(G) AN APPLICANT FOR REGISTRATION SHALL COMPLETE A CRIMINAL**
14 **HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 14-308.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

15 **(H) (1) THE BOARD SHALL SET REASONABLE FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE**
16 **AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATIONS AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED.**

17 **(2) THE FEES CHARGED SHALL BE SET SO AS TO PRODUCE FUNDS TO**
18 **APPROXIMATE THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE REGISTRATION PROGRAM AND**
19 **OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED TO REGISTRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION.**

20 **(I) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, A**
21 **PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE THAT EMPLOYS AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM**
22 **X-RAY DUTIES WITHOUT A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR**
23 **ENSURING THAT ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION ARE MET FOR EACH X-RAY**
24 **EXAMINATION PERFORMED.**

25 **(J) IF AN UNREGISTERED INDIVIDUAL PERFORMS X-RAY DUTIES WITHOUT**
26 **MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL**
27 **PENALTY OF UP TO:**

28 **(1) \$5,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION ON THE PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE WHERE**
29 **THE VIOLATION OCCURRED; AND**

1 **(2) \$1,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION ON THE INDIVIDUAL WHO**
2 **COMMITTED THE VIOLATION.**

3 **14-306.4.**

4 **(A) SUBJECT TO THE HEARING PROVISIONS OF § 14-405 OF THIS TITLE, A**
5 **DISCIPLINARY PANEL, ON THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUORUM**
6 **OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL, MAY DENY A REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE AS A**
7 **LIMITED X-RAY MACHINE OPERATOR TO ANY APPLICANT, REPRIMAND ANY LIMITED**
8 **X-RAY MACHINE OPERATOR REGISTRANT, PLACE ANY REGISTRANT ON PROBATION,**
9 **OR SUSPEND OR REVOKE A REGISTRATION, IF THE APPLICANT OR REGISTRANT:**

10 **(1) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY OBTAINS OR ATTEMPTS TO**
11 **OBTAIN A REGISTRATION FOR THE APPLICANT, REGISTRANT, OR FOR ANOTHER;**

12 **(2) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY USES A REGISTRATION;**

13 **(3) IS GUILTY OF:**

14 **(I) IMMORAL CONDUCT IN THE PRACTICE OF LIMITED X-RAY**
15 **MACHINE OPERATION; OR**

16 **(II) UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT IN THE PRACTICE OF LIMITED**
17 **X-RAY MACHINE OPERATION;**

18 **(4) IS:**

19 **(I) PROFESSIONALLY INCOMPETENT;**

20 **(II) PHYSICALLY INCOMPETENT; OR**

21 **(III) MENTALLY INCOMPETENT;**

22 **(5) ABANDONS A PATIENT;**

23 **(6) IS HABITUALLY INTOXICATED;**

24 **(7) IS ADDICTED TO OR HABITUALLY ABUSES ANY NARCOTIC OR**
25 **CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED IN § 5-101 OF THE CRIMINAL**
26 **LAW ARTICLE;**

27 **(8) PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WHILE:**

1 (I) UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL; OR

2 (II) USING ANY NARCOTIC OR CONTROLLED DANGEROUS
3 SUBSTANCE AS DEFINED IN § 5-101 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER
4 DRUG THAT IS IN EXCESS OF THERAPEUTIC AMOUNTS OR WITHOUT VALID MEDICAL
5 INDICATION;

6 (9) PROMOTES THE SALE OF SERVICES, DRUGS, DEVICES,
7 APPLIANCES, OR GOODS TO A PATIENT SO AS TO EXPLOIT THE PATIENT FOR
8 FINANCIAL GAIN;

9 (10) WILLFULLY MAKES OR FILES A FALSE REPORT OR RECORD IN THE
10 PRACTICE OF LIMITED X-RAY MACHINE OPERATION;

11 (11) WILLFULLY FAILS TO FILE OR RECORD ANY REPORT AS REQUIRED
12 UNDER LAW, WILLFULLY IMPEDES OR OBSTRUCTS THE FILING OR RECORDING OF A
13 REPORT, OR INDUCES ANOTHER TO FAIL TO FILE OR RECORD A REPORT;

14 (12) BREACHES PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY;

15 (13) PAYS OR AGREES TO PAY ANY SUM OR PROVIDE ANY FORM OF
16 REMUNERATION OR MATERIAL BENEFIT TO ANY PERSON FOR BRINGING OR
17 REFERRING A PATIENT OR ACCEPTS OR AGREES TO ACCEPT ANY SUM OR ANY FORM
18 OF REMUNERATION OR MATERIAL BENEFIT FROM AN INDIVIDUAL FOR BRINGING OR
19 REFERRING A PATIENT;

20 (14) WILLFULLY MAKES A MISREPRESENTATION WHILE PRACTICING
21 LIMITED X-RAY MACHINE OPERATION;

22 (15) WILLFULLY PRACTICES LIMITED X-RAY MACHINE OPERATION
23 WITH AN UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL OR AIDS AN UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL IN
24 THE PRACTICE OF LIMITED X-RAY MACHINE OPERATION;

25 (16) OFFERS, UNDERTAKES, OR AGREES TO CURE OR TREAT DISEASE
26 BY A SECRET METHOD, TREATMENT, OR MEDICINE;

27 (17) IS DISCIPLINED BY A LICENSING OR DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OR
28 IS CONVICTED OR DISCIPLINED BY A COURT OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY OR IS
29 DISCIPLINED BY ANY BRANCH OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES OR THE U.S.
30 DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR
31 DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES;

1 **(18) FAILS TO MEET APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR THE DELIVERY OF**
2 **QUALITY LIMITED X-RAY MACHINE OPERATION CARE PERFORMED IN ANY**
3 **OUTPATIENT SURGICAL FACILITY, OFFICE, HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION, OR**
4 **ANY OTHER LOCATION IN THIS STATE;**

5 **(19) WILLFULLY SUBMITS FALSE STATEMENTS TO COLLECT FEES FOR**
6 **WHICH SERVICES ARE NOT PROVIDED;**

7 **(20) (I) HAS BEEN SUBJECT TO INVESTIGATION OR DISCIPLINARY**
8 **ACTION BY A DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY OR BY A COURT OF ANY STATE OR COUNTRY**
9 **FOR AN ACT THAT WOULD BE GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER THE**
10 **BOARD'S DISCIPLINARY STATUTES; AND**

11 **(II) HAS:**

12 **1. SURRENDERED THE LICENSE, REGISTRATION,**
13 **CERTIFICATION, OR PERMIT ISSUED BY THE STATE OR COUNTRY; OR**

14 **2. ALLOWED THE LICENSE, REGISTRATION,**
15 **CERTIFICATION, OR PERMIT ISSUED BY THE STATE OR COUNTRY TO EXPIRE OR**
16 **LAPSE;**

17 **(21) WILLFULLY FAILS TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE IN**
18 **VIOLATION OF § 5-704 OF THE FAMILY LAW ARTICLE;**

19 **(22) SELLS, PRESCRIBES, GIVES AWAY, OR ADMINISTERS DRUGS FOR**
20 **ILLEGAL OR ILLEGITIMATE MEDICAL PURPOSES;**

21 **(23) PRACTICES OR ATTEMPTS TO PRACTICE BEYOND THE**
22 **AUTHORIZED SCOPE OF PRACTICE;**

23 **(24) REFUSES, WITHHOLDS FROM, DENIES, OR DISCRIMINATES**
24 **AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL WITH REGARD TO THE PROVISION OF PROFESSIONAL**
25 **SERVICES FOR WHICH THE LICENSEE IS LICENSED AND QUALIFIED TO RENDER**
26 **BECAUSE THE INDIVIDUAL IS HIV POSITIVE;**

27 **(25) PRACTICES OR ATTEMPTS TO PRACTICE A LIMITED X-RAY**
28 **MACHINE OPERATION PROCEDURE OR USES LIMITED X-RAY MACHINE OPERATION**
29 **EQUIPMENT IF THE APPLICANT OR REGISTRANT HAS NOT RECEIVED AN EDUCATION,**
30 **AN INTERNSHIP, TRAINING, OR EXPERIENCE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE**
31 **PROCEDURE OR THE USE OF THE EQUIPMENT;**

1 **(26) FAILS TO COOPERATE WITH A LAWFUL INVESTIGATION**
2 **CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD OR A DISCIPLINARY PANEL;**

3 **(27) FAILS TO PRACTICE UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED**
4 **PHYSICIAN OR LICENSED RADIOGRAPHER OR VIOLATES A SUPERVISORY ORDER OF**
5 **A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN OR SUPERVISING RADIOGRAPHER; OR**

6 **(28) FAILS TO COMPLETE A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**
7 **UNDER § 14-308.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

8 **(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE**
9 **PROCEDURE ACT, BEFORE THE BOARD OR A DISCIPLINARY PANEL TAKES ANY**
10 **ACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OR A DISCIPLINARY**
11 **PANEL SHALL GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE ACTION IS**
12 **CONTEMPLATED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OR THE**
13 **DISCIPLINARY PANEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEARING REQUIREMENTS OF §**
14 **14-405 OF THIS TITLE.**

15 **(C) (1) ON THE FILING OF CERTIFIED DOCKET ENTRIES WITH THE BOARD**
16 **BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, A DISCIPLINARY PANEL SHALL ORDER**
17 **THE SUSPENSION OF A REGISTRATION IF THE REGISTRANT IS CONVICTED OF OR**
18 **PLEADS GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE WITH RESPECT TO A CRIME INVOLVING**
19 **MORAL TURPITUDE, WHETHER OR NOT ANY APPEAL OR OTHER PROCEEDING IS**
20 **PENDING TO HAVE THE CONVICTION OR PLEA SET ASIDE.**

21 **(2) AFTER COMPLETION OF THE APPELLATE PROCESS, IF THE**
22 **CONVICTION HAS NOT BEEN REVERSED OR THE PLEA HAS NOT BEEN SET ASIDE WITH**
23 **RESPECT TO A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE, A DISCIPLINARY PANEL**
24 **SHALL ORDER THE REVOCATION OF A REGISTRATION ON THE CERTIFICATION BY**
25 **THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.**

26 **(D) IF, AFTER A HEARING UNDER § 14-405 OF THIS TITLE, A DISCIPLINARY**
27 **PANEL FINDS THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
28 **TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A REGISTRATION, TO REPRIMAND A REGISTRANT, OR TO**
29 **PLACE A REGISTRANT ON PROBATION, THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL MAY IMPOSE A**
30 **FINE SUBJECT TO THE BOARD'S REGULATIONS IN ADDITION TO SUSPENDING OR**
31 **REVOKING THE LICENSE, REPRIMANDING THE REGISTRANT, OR PLACING THE**
32 **REGISTRANT ON PROBATION.**

33 **(E) IN ADDITION TO ANY SANCTION AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION, A**
34 **DISCIPLINARY PANEL MAY REQUIRE A REGISTRANT TO COMPLY WITH SPECIFIED**
35 **TERMS AND CONDITIONS DETERMINED BY THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL.**

1 14-602.

2 (a) Unless authorized to practice medicine under this title, a person may not
3 represent to the public, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise,
4 that the person is authorized to practice medicine in this State.

5 (b) Except as otherwise provided in this article, a person may not use the words
6 or terms “Dr.,” “doctor,” “physician,” “D.O.,” or “M.D.” with the intent to represent that the
7 person practices medicine, unless the person is:

8 (1) Licensed to practice medicine under this title;

9 (2) A physician licensed by and residing in another jurisdiction, while
10 engaging in consultation with a physician licensed in this State;

11 (3) A physician employed in the service of the federal government while
12 practicing within the scope of the employment;

13 (4) A physician who resides in and is licensed to practice medicine by any
14 state adjoining this State and whose practice extends into this State;

15 (5) An individual in a postgraduate medical program that is accredited by
16 an accrediting organization recognized by the Board in regulations while the individual is
17 practicing medicine in the program; or

18 (6) A licensee who is on emeritus status under § 14-320.1 of this title,
19 provided that the licensee does not represent to the public that the licensee is authorized
20 to practice medicine in the State.

21 (c) An unlicensed individual who acts under § 14-302 [or], § 14-306, **§ 14-306.1,**
22 **§ 14-306.2, OR § 14-306.3** of this title may use the word “physician” together with another
23 word to describe the occupation of the individual as in phrases such as “physician’s
24 assistant” or “physician’s aide”.

25 15-302.1.

26 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection and subsection (d) of this
27 section and except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, a physician assistant may
28 perform advanced duties in a practice setting that is not an exempt facility only after the
29 physician assistant obtains Board approval of the advanced duty under the collaboration
30 agreement.

31 (2) [(i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a] **A** physician
32 assistant may perform X-ray duties [authorized under § 14-306(e) of this article] in the
33 medical office of a patient care team physician [only after the] **IF:**

1 **(I) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT HAS COMPLETED A COURSE**
2 **THAT INCLUDES RADIOGRAPHIC STUDIES OF THE EXTREMITIES OF AT LEAST 20**
3 **SEPARATE PATIENTS;**

4 **(II) THE X-RAYS ARE LIMITED TO THE EXTREMITIES;**

5 **(III) THE X-RAYS ARE PERFORMED UNDER THE DIRECT**
6 **SUPERVISION OF A COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN OR RADIOLOGIST;**

7 **(IV) THE X-RAYS ARE PERFORMED USING A MINI C-ARM OR A**
8 **SIMILAR LOW-LEVEL RADIATION MACHINE TO PERFORM NONFLUOROSCOPIC X-RAY**
9 **PROCEDURES; AND**

10 **(V) THE** physician assistant obtains Board approval of the X-ray
11 **duty AS AN ADVANCED DUTY** under the collaboration agreement.

12 **[(ii) A collaboration agreement may authorize the delegation of X-ray**
13 **duties limited to nonfluoroscopic X-ray procedures of the extremities, anterior-posterior**
14 **and lateral, not including the head.]**

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.