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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physicians - Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain registered cardiovascular invasive specialists  
 4 to perform certain functions; requiring certain supervision of certain registered  
 5 cardiovascular invasive specialists; establishing that the failure of certain  
 6 physicians to provide certain supervision constitutes certain professional  
 7 misconduct; requiring certain individuals to have a certain registration before  
 8 performing certain functions; requiring the State Board of Physicians to keep a  
 9 list of all registered cardiovascular invasive specialists and adopt certain  
 10 regulations; defining certain terms; and generally relating to invasive  
 11 cardiovascular professionals and the State Board of Physicians.

12 BY adding to  
 13 Article - Health Occupations  
 14 Section 14-5C-01 through 14-5C-05, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle  
 15 "Subtitle 5C. Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists"  
 16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 17 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Health Occupations**

21 **SUBTITLE 5C. REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALISTS.**

22 14-5C-01.

23 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
24 INDICATED.

25 (B) "BOARD" MEANS THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS.

26 (C) "INVASIVE CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSIONAL" MEANS A HEALTH CARE  
27 PROFESSIONAL WHO PERFORMS PROCEDURES ON PATIENTS RESULTING IN

1 ACCURATE DIAGNOSIS OR OPTIMAL TREATMENT OF CONGENITAL OR ACQUIRED  
2 HEART DISEASE WHILE MAINTAINING MAXIMUM PATIENT SAFETY AND COMFORT.

3 (D) "REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALIST" MEANS AN  
4 INVASIVE CARDIOVASCULAR PROFESSIONAL WHO IS REGISTERED AS A  
5 CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALIST BY CARDIOVASCULAR CREDENTIALING  
6 INTERNATIONAL.

7 (E) "SUPERVISION" MEANS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN  
8 TO EXERCISE ON-SITE OR IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE DIRECTION FOR A REGISTERED  
9 CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALIST.

10 14-5C-02.

11 IN RELATION TO A CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION LABORATORY PROCEDURE, A  
12 REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALIST MAY:

13 (1) PERFORM OR REVIEW A BASELINE PATIENT ASSESSMENT;

14 (2) EVALUATE PATIENT RESPONSE TO DIAGNOSTIC OR  
15 INTERVENTIONAL MANEUVERS AND MEDICATIONS;

16 (3) PROVIDE PATIENT CARE AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION COMMONLY  
17 USED IN THE CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION LABORATORY;

18 (4) PROVIDE SCRUB ASSISTANCE;

19 (5) OPERATE IMAGING, PHYSIOLOGIC MONITORING, OR RECORDING  
20 EQUIPMENT;

21 (6) PERFORM CIRCULATING DUTIES; AND

22 (7) PERFORM PRECARDIAC AND POSTCARDIAC CATHETERIZATION  
23 ACTIVITIES AND PROCEDURES.

24 14-5C-03.

25 (A) A REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALIST MAY ONLY  
26 PERFORM FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED UNDER § 14-5C-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE UNDER THE  
27 SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN.

28 (B) THE FAILURE OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN TO PROPERLY SUPERVISE A  
29 REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALIST IS UNPROFESSIONAL  
30 CONDUCT IN THE PRACTICE OF MEDICINE UNDER § 14-404(A)(3) OF THIS TITLE.

31 14-5C-04.

32 AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE REGISTERED BY CARDIOVASCULAR CREDENTIALING  
33 INTERNATIONAL BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY PERFORM FUNCTIONS DESCRIBED  
34 UNDER § 14-5C-02 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

1 14-5C-05.

2 (A) THE BOARD SHALL KEEP A LIST OF ALL REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR  
3 INVASIVE SPECIALISTS.

4 (B) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS  
5 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
7 effect October 1, 2005.