

Chapter 214

(Senate Bill 915)

AN ACT concerning

State Board of Physicians – Delegation of Duties – Alterations

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–206(e)(2)(viii), 14–306, 14–602, and 15–302.1(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–206(e)(2)(ix)

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BY adding to

Article – Health Occupations

Section 14–206(e)(2)(x), 14–306.1, 14–306.2, 14–306.3, and 14–306.4

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

Article – Health Occupations

14–206.

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

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

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

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

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

14–306.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Do not include:

(i) Computerized or noncomputerized tomography;

(ii) Fluoroscopy;

- (iii) Invasive radiology;
 - (iv) Mammography;
 - (v) Nuclear medicine;
 - (vi) Radiation therapy; or
 - (vii) Xerography;
- (2) Are limited to X-ray procedures of the:
- (i) Chest;
 - (ii) Spine, including the:
 - 1. Cervical spine;
 - 2. Lumbar spine;
 - 3. Sacroiliac joints;
 - 4. Sacrum and coccyx; and
 - 5. Thoracic spine;
 - (iii) Lower extremities, including:
 - 1. Toes;
 - 2. The foot;
 - 3. The ankle;
 - 4. The calcaneus;
 - 5. The tibia and fibula;
 - 6. The knee and patella; and
 - 7. The femur; and
 - (iv) Upper extremities, including:
 - 1. Fingers;

2. The hand;
3. The wrist;
4. The forearm;
5. The elbow;
6. The humerus;
7. The shoulder;
8. The clavicle;
9. Acromioclavicular joints; and
10. The scapula; and

(3) Are performed:

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

(ii) 1. By an individual who has:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) “Direct supervision” means oversight exercised by a delegating physician who is:

1. Personally treating the patient;
2. In the same medical office as the patient and the supervised medical graduate; and
3. Immediately available to provide assistance and guidance to the supervised medical graduate for the duration of the completion of a delegated duty.

(iii) “Supervised medical graduate” means an individual who:

1. Has a degree of:
 - A. Doctor of medicine from a medical school that is accredited by an accrediting organization that the Board recognizes in its regulations; or
 - B. Doctor of osteopathy from a school of osteopathy in the United States, its territories or possessions, Puerto Rico, or Canada that has standards for graduation equivalent to those established by the American Osteopathic Association; and
2. Has passed parts 1 and 2 of:
 - A. The United States Medical Licensing Examination; or
 - B. The Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Examination of the United States.

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

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

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

(h) In accordance with regulations adopted by the Board, a physician’s office that employs an individual authorized to perform X-ray duties without a license under

subsection (e) of this section is responsible for ensuring that all requirements of subsection (e) of this section are met for each X-ray examination performed.

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

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

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

14-306.1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14-306.2.

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

(2) “ON-SITE SUPERVISION” MEANS OVERSIGHT EXERCISED BY A DELEGATING PHYSICIAN WHO IS:

(I) PERSONALLY TREATING THE PATIENT;

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

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

(3) “SUPERVISED MEDICAL GRADUATE” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

(I) HAS A DEGREE OF:

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

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

(II) HAS PASSED PARTS 1 AND 2 OF:

1. THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION; OR

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

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

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

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

14-306.3.

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

(1) DO NOT INCLUDE:

- (I) COMPUTERIZED OR NONCOMPUTERIZED TOMOGRAPHY;**
- (II) FLUOROSCOPY;**
- (III) INVASIVE RADIOLOGY;**
- (IV) MAMMOGRAPHY;**
- (V) NUCLEAR MEDICINE;**
- (VI) RADIATION THERAPY; OR**
- (VII) XEROGRAPHY;**

(2) ARE LIMITED TO X-RAY PROCEDURES OF:

- (I) THE CHEST;**
- (II) THE SPINE, INCLUDING:**
 - 1. THE CERVICAL SPINE;**
 - 2. THE LUMBAR SPINE;**

3. THE SACROILIAC JOINTS;

4. THE SACRUM AND COCCYX; AND

5. THE THORACIC SPINE;

(III) LOWER EXTREMITIES, INCLUDING:

1. TOES;

2. THE FOOT;

3. THE ANKLE;

4. THE CALCANEUS;

5. THE TIBIA AND FIBULA;

6. THE KNEE AND PATELLA; AND

7. THE FEMUR; AND

(IV) UPPER EXTREMITIES, INCLUDING:

1. FINGERS;

2. THE HAND;

3. THE WRIST;

4. THE FOREARM;

5. THE ELBOW;

6. THE HUMERUS;

7. THE SHOULDER;

8. THE CLAVICLE;

9. ACROMIOCLAVICULAR JOINTS; AND

10. THE SCAPULA;

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

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

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

(II) TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF:

1. A LIMITED X-RAY EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM; OR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) APPLY FOR REGISTRATION ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE BOARD;**
- (2) PAY THE REGISTRATION FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD; AND**
- (3) COMPLETE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.**

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

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

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

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

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

- (I) APPLY FOR RENEWAL ON A FORM SUPPLIED BY THE BOARD;**
- (II) PAY THE RENEWAL FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD; AND**
- (III) COMPLETE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14-306.4.

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

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

(2) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY USES A REGISTRATION;

(3) IS GUILTY OF:

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

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

(4) IS:

(I) PROFESSIONALLY INCOMPETENT;

(II) PHYSICALLY INCOMPETENT; OR

(III) MENTALLY INCOMPETENT;

(5) ABANDONS A PATIENT;

(6) IS HABITUALLY INTOXICATED;

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

(8) PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WHILE:

(I) UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL; OR

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

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

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

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

(12) BREACHES PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(II) HAS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(C) (1) ON THE FILING OF CERTIFIED DOCKET ENTRIES WITH THE BOARD BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, A DISCIPLINARY PANEL SHALL ORDER THE SUSPENSION OF A REGISTRATION IF THE REGISTRANT IS CONVICTED OF OR

PLEADS GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE WITH RESPECT TO A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL TURPITUDE, WHETHER OR NOT ANY APPEAL OR OTHER PROCEEDING IS PENDING TO HAVE THE CONVICTION OR PLEA SET ASIDE.

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Licensed to practice medicine under this title;

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

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

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

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

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

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

15–302.1.

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

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

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

(II) THE X–RAYS ARE LIMITED TO THE EXTREMITIES;

(III) THE X–RAYS ARE PERFORMED UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN OR RADIOLOGIST;

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.