

HOUSE BILL 1558

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Assigned to: Health

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Physicians – Anesthesiologist Assistants – Licensing**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a licensing and regulatory system for anesthesiologist
4 assistants under the State Board of Physicians; and generally relating to the
5 licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Health Occupations

8 Section 14–5H–01 through 14–5H–16 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 5H.
9 Anesthesiologist Assistants”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health Occupations**

15 **SUBTITLE 5H. ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS.**

16 **14–5H–01.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
18 **INDICATED.**

19 **(B) “ANESTHESIOLOGIST” MEANS A PHYSICIAN LICENSED BY THE BOARD**
20 **WHO HAS COMPLETED A RESIDENCY IN ANESTHESIOLOGY APPROVED BY THE**
21 **AMERICAN BOARD OF ANESTHESIOLOGY OR THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC BOARD**
22 **OF ANESTHESIOLOGY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) “ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT” MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS**
2 **LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO PERFORM AUTHORIZED ACTS UNDER THE**
3 **SUPERVISION OF AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST.**

4 **(D) “SUPERVISION” MEANS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMMEDIATE**
5 **AVAILABILITY OF THE DIRECTING ANESTHESIOLOGIST FOR CONSULTATION AND**
6 **DIRECTION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT, INCLUDING:**

7 **(1) PHYSICAL PROXIMITY THAT ALLOWS THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST TO**
8 **REESTABLISH DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE PATIENT TO MEET MEDICAL NEEDS AND**
9 **ANY URGENT OR EMERGENT CLINICAL MATTERS; AND**

10 **(2) PERSONAL PARTICIPATION BY THE DIRECTING**
11 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST IN THE MOST DEMANDING PROCEDURES OF THE ANESTHESIA**
12 **PLAN, INCLUDING, AS CLINICALLY APPROPRIATE, INDUCTION AND EMERGENCE.**

13 **(E) “SUPERVISION AGREEMENT” MEANS A WRITTEN DOCUMENT EXECUTED**
14 **BETWEEN AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT AND AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST**
15 **DESCRIBING THE SUPERVISORY RELATIONSHIP AND PRACTICE PARAMETERS**
16 **REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE THAT IS MAINTAINED ON-SITE AND AVAILABLE TO**
17 **THE BOARD ON REQUEST.**

18 **14-5H-02.**

19 **THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT LIMIT THE RIGHT OF AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE**
20 **A HEALTH OCCUPATION THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE UNDER**
21 **THIS ARTICLE.**

22 **14-5H-03.**

23 **THIS SUBTITLE DOES NOT AUTHORIZE AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT TO**
24 **PRACTICE INDEPENDENT OF AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST.**

25 **14-5H-04.**

26 **THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE,**
27 **INCLUDING REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING:**

28 **(1) QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND RENEWAL;**

29 **(2) PROCEDURES FOR LICENSURE AND RENEWAL;**

30 **(3) SUPERVISION STANDARDS;**

1 **(4) DEFAULT AND ADJUSTED NUMBER OF CONCURRENT**
2 **PROCEDURES AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST IS DIRECTING OR SUPERVISING AT ONE TIME;**

3 **(5) CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS;**

4 **(6) QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR TEMPORARY AND**
5 **EXPEDITED LICENSURE;**

6 **(7) SUPERVISION AGREEMENT CONTENT AND AUDIT PROCEDURES;**
7 **AND**

8 **(8) PROCEDURES FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

9 **14-5H-05.**

10 **(A) (1) THE BOARD SHALL SET REASONABLE FEES FOR THE ISSUANCE**
11 **AND RENEWAL OF LICENSES AND OTHER SERVICES THE BOARD PROVIDES TO**
12 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS.**

13 **(2) THE FEES CHARGED SHALL BE SET SO AS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO**
14 **APPROXIMATE THE COST OF MAINTAINING THE LICENSURE PROGRAM AND OTHER**
15 **SERVICES PROVIDED TO ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS.**

16 **(B) (1) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ALL FEES COLLECTED UNDER THE**
17 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE TO THE COMPTROLLER.**

18 **(2) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE ALL FEES TO THE**
19 **BOARD.**

20 **(C) THE FEES SHALL BE USED TO COVER THE ACTUAL DOCUMENTED**
21 **DIRECT AND INDIRECT COSTS OF FULFILLING THE STATUTORY AND REGULATORY**
22 **DUTIES OF THE BOARD AS PROVIDED BY THIS SUBTITLE.**

23 **14-5H-06.**

24 **(A) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, AN**
25 **INDIVIDUAL SHALL BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD BEFORE THE INDIVIDUAL MAY**
26 **PRACTICE AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT IN THE STATE.**

27 **(B) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:**

1 **(1) A STUDENT ENROLLED IN AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT**
2 **PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED**
3 **HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, PERFORMING**
4 **ASSIGNED TASKS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST, AN**
5 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT, OR ANY OTHER LICENSED ANESTHESIA**
6 **PROFESSIONAL; OR**

7 **(2) AN INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYED BY THE UNITED STATES**
8 **GOVERNMENT WHILE THE INDIVIDUAL IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT**
9 **EMPLOYMENT.**

10 **14-5H-07.**

11 **TO QUALIFY FOR A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT MUST:**

12 **(1) BE OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER;**

13 **(2) HAVE GRADUATED FROM AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT**
14 **PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED**
15 **HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION;**

16 **(3) HAVE PASSED THE CERTIFYING EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY**
17 **THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CERTIFICATION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST**
18 **ASSISTANTS OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION, OR AN EXAMINATION APPROVED BY**
19 **THE BOARD; AND**

20 **(4) MEET ANY ADDITIONAL EDUCATION, TRAINING, OR EXAMINATION**
21 **REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.**

22 **14-5H-08.**

23 **TO APPLY FOR A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT SHALL:**

24 **(1) COMPLETE A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN**
25 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 14-308.1 OF THIS TITLE;**

26 **(2) SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE BOARD ON A FORM THAT THE**
27 **BOARD REQUIRES;**

28 **(3) SUBMIT TO THE BOARD ANY ATTESTATION OR DOCUMENTATION**
29 **THAT THE BOARD REQUIRES; AND**

30 **(4) PAY TO THE BOARD THE FEE SET BY THE BOARD.**

1 14-5H-09.

2 (A) (1) THE TERM OF A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD MAY NOT EXCEED
3 3 YEARS.

4 (2) A LICENSE EXPIRES ON THE DATE SET BY THE BOARD UNLESS A
5 LICENSE IS RENEWED FOR AN ADDITIONAL TERM AS PROVIDED UNDER THIS
6 SUBTITLE.

7 (B) AT LEAST 1 MONTH BEFORE THE LICENSE EXPIRES, THE BOARD SHALL
8 SEND TO THE LICENSEE A RENEWAL NOTICE THAT STATES:

9 (1) THE DATE ON WHICH THE CURRENT LICENSE EXPIRES;

10 (2) THE DATE BY WHICH THE RENEWAL APPLICATION MUST BE
11 RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR THE RENEWAL TO BE ISSUED AND MAILED BEFORE
12 THE LICENSE EXPIRES; AND

13 (3) THE AMOUNT OF THE RENEWAL FEE.

14 (C) THE BOARD SHALL RENEW THE LICENSE OF A LICENSEE WHO:

15 (1) IS OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO BE LICENSED;

16 (2) PAYS TO THE BOARD THE RENEWAL FEE SET BY THE BOARD;

17 (3) SUBMITS TO THE BOARD:

18 (I) A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD
19 REQUIRES; AND

20 (II) SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE WITH ANY
21 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS SET UNDER
22 THIS SECTION FOR LICENSE RENEWAL; AND

23 (4) MEETS ANY OTHER RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY
24 THE BOARD IN REGULATION.

25 (D) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING INACTIVE STATUS
26 AND THE REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE HOLDER.

27 14-5H-10.

1 (A) SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION AND ANY
2 REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY
3 LICENSE TO A GRADUATE OF AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT PROGRAM
4 ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF ALLIED HEALTH
5 EDUCATION PROGRAMS WHO IS AWAITING THE NEXT ADMINISTRATION OF THE
6 NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CERTIFICATION OF ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS
7 EXAM.

8 (B) A TEMPORARY LICENSE SHALL BE IN EFFECT FOR A PERIOD NOT TO
9 EXCEED 12 MONTHS AS SET BY THE BOARD IN REGULATION.

10 (C) A TEMPORARY LICENSE AUTHORIZES AN INDIVIDUAL TO PRACTICE
11 SUBJECT TO THIS SUBTITLE AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

12 14-5H-11.

13 (A) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS ESTABLISHING AN EXPEDITED
14 LICENSURE PROCESS FOR AN APPLICANT WHO HOLDS A CURRENT, ACTIVE LICENSE
15 AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT IN GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER
16 JURISDICTION THAT THE BOARD DESIGNATES BY REGULATION.

17 (B) AN APPLICANT FOR EXPEDITED LICENSURE MUST MEET ANY
18 VERIFICATION, MORAL CHARACTER, AND CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK
19 REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

20 (C) THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE EVIDENCE OF SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT
21 EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXAMINATION FOR AN APPLICANT FOR EXPEDITED
22 LICENSURE UNDER THIS SECTION.

23 14-5H-12.

24 (A) AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT MAY NOT EXCEED THE SCOPE OF A
25 SUPERVISING ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S PRACTICE.

26 (B) AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT MAY PERFORM DUTIES AND
27 RESPONSIBILITIES DELEGATED BY THE SUPERVISING ANESTHESIOLOGIST FOR
28 WHICH THE ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT IS COMPETENT THROUGH EDUCATION,
29 TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE, INCLUDING:

30 (1) CONDUCTING PRE- AND POST-ANESTHESIA EVALUATIONS;

31 (2) DOCUMENTING PATIENT PROGRESS NOTES;

1 **(3) OBTAINING INFORMED CONSENT FOR ANESTHESIA OR RELATED**
2 **PROCEDURES;**

3 **(4) UNDER THE SUPERVISING ANESTHESIOLOGIST'S CONSULTATION**
4 **AND DIRECTION, ORDERING:**

5 **(I) PERIOPERATIVE MEDICATIONS AND FLUIDS; OR**

6 **(II) CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FOR USE ONLY AT THE FACILITY**
7 **WHERE ORDERED AND WITH TIMELY CO-SIGNATURE BY THE SUPERVISING**
8 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST CONSISTENT WITH FACILITY POLICY;**

9 **(5) PERFORMING ADVANCED AIRWAY INTERVENTIONS;**

10 **(6) ESTABLISHING PERIPHERAL, CENTRAL, AND ARTERIAL LINES;**

11 **(7) PERFORMING INDUCTION, MAINTENANCE, AND EMERGENCE;**

12 **(8) PERFORMING PLACEMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF NEURAXIAL**
13 **AND REGIONAL ANESTHESIA;**

14 **(9) ADMINISTERING VASOACTIVE PHARMACEUTICALS AND**
15 **INFUSIONS;**

16 **(10) ADMINISTERING BLOOD AND FLUIDS;**

17 **(11) ADMINISTERING ANESTHETIC MEDICATIONS, ADJUVANT**
18 **PHARMACEUTICALS, AND ACCESSORY PHARMACEUTICALS;**

19 **(12) PERFORMING CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND**
20 **EMERGENCY RESPONSE;**

21 **(13) PROVIDING ANESTHESIA EDUCATION AND TRAINING;**

22 **(14) PARTICIPATING IN ADMINISTRATIVE, RESEARCH, AND CLINICAL**
23 **TEACHING ACTIVITIES AS AUTHORIZED BY THE SUPERVISING ANESTHESIOLOGIST;**
24 **AND**

25 **(15) PERFORMING OTHER TASKS NOT PROHIBITED BY LAW.**

26 **(C) AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT MAY NOT INDEPENDENTLY**
27 **PRESCRIBE, ORDER, COMPOUND, OR DISPENSE DRUGS, MEDICATIONS, OR DEVICES.**

1 **(D) AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT MAY SIGN AND ATTEST TO ANY**
2 **CERTIFICATES, CARDS, FORMS, OR OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION THAT THE**
3 **SUPERVISING ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY SIGN, IF THE ACT IS WITHIN THE**
4 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT’S AUTHORIZED SCOPE OF PRACTICE.**

5 **(E) THIS SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO:**

6 **(1) PREVENT AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT FROM ACCESSING**
7 **AND OBTAINING DRUGS AS DIRECTED BY THE SUPERVISING ANESTHESIOLOGIST; OR**

8 **(2) PROHIBIT A STUDENT ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT WHO IS**
9 **ENROLLED IN A PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION**
10 **OF ALLIED HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS, OR A SUCCESSOR ORGANIZATION,**
11 **FROM ENGAGING IN ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF AN**
12 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT AS PART OF THE STUDENT’S CLINICAL EDUCATION**
13 **UNDER APPROPRIATE SUPERVISION.**

14 **14-5H-13.**

15 **(A) AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT MAY PRACTICE ONLY UNDER**
16 **SUPERVISION AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION AND UNDER REGULATIONS**
17 **ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.**

18 **(B) (1) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY**
19 **THE BOARD, AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST MAY NOT SUPERVISE MORE THAN FOUR**
20 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS AT ANY ONE TIME.**

21 **(2) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS AUTHORIZING DIFFERENT**
22 **RATIOS OF SUPERVISION WITH APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS AND MAY RECOGNIZE**
23 **GROUP-BASED SUPERVISION AND BACKUP ARRANGEMENTS.**

24 **(C) (1) EACH ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT SHALL PRACTICE UNDER A**
25 **WRITTEN SUPERVISION AGREEMENT WITH ONE OR MORE ANESTHESIOLOGISTS.**

26 **(2) THE SUPERVISION AGREEMENT:**

27 **(I) SHALL BE MAINTAINED ON-SITE AT EACH PRACTICE**
28 **LOCATION;**

29 **(II) IS NOT SUBJECT TO PREAPPROVAL; AND**

30 **(III) SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD ON REQUEST.**

1 **(3) THE SUPERVISION AGREEMENT SHALL INCLUDE:**

2 **(I) PARTIES AND PRACTICE LOCATIONS;**

3 **(II) PROVISIONS DETAILING SUPERVISION AND BACKUP**
4 **SUPERVISION;**

5 **(III) PROCESSES FOR CLINICAL REVIEW AND QUALITY**
6 **ASSURANCE;**

7 **(IV) EMERGENCY PROCEDURES;**

8 **(V) ANY APPLICABLE FACILITY OR SYSTEM PROTOCOLS; AND**

9 **(VI) ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE BOARD.**

10 **(4) THE BOARD MAY AUDIT SUPERVISION AGREEMENTS FOR**
11 **COMPLIANCE AND TO ENFORCE THIS SUBTITLE.**

12 **14-5H-14.**

13 **ONLY A PERSON LICENSED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY USE THE TITLES**
14 **“ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT”, “AA”, “CERTIFIED ANESTHESIOLOGIST**
15 **ASSISTANT”, OR “CAA” OR OTHERWISE REPRESENT THEMSELVES AS BEING**
16 **AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT IN THE STATE.**

17 **14-5H-15.**

18 **(A) SUBJECT TO THE HEARING PROVISIONS OF § 14-405 OF THIS TITLE, A**
19 **DISCIPLINARY PANEL, ON THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUORUM**
20 **OF THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL, MAY DENY A LICENSE TO ANY APPLICANT,**
21 **REPRIMAND ANY LICENSEE, PLACE ANY LICENSEE ON PROBATION, OR SUSPEND OR**
22 **REVOKE A LICENSE, IF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE:**

23 **(1) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY OBTAINS OR ATTEMPTS TO**
24 **OBTAIN A LICENSE FOR THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE OR FOR ANOTHER;**

25 **(2) FRAUDULENTLY OR DECEPTIVELY USES A LICENSE;**

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

27 **(I) IMMORAL CONDUCT WHILE PRACTICING AS AN**
28 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT; OR**

1 (II) UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT WHILE PRACTICING AS AN
2 ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT;

3 (4) IS:

4 (I) PROFESSIONALLY INCOMPETENT;

5 (II) PHYSICALLY INCOMPETENT; OR

6 (III) MENTALLY INCOMPETENT;

7 (5) ABANDONS A PATIENT;

8 (6) IS HABITUALLY INTOXICATED;

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

12 (8) PROVIDES PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WHILE:

13 (I) UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL; OR

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

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

21 (10) WILLFULLY MAKES OR FILES A FALSE REPORT OR RECORD WHILE
22 PRACTICING AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT;

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

26 (12) BREACHES PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY;

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

6 **(14) WILLFULLY MAKES A MISREPRESENTATION WHILE PRACTICING**
7 **AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT;**

8 **(15) WILLFULLY PRACTICES AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT**
9 **WITH AN UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL OR AIDS AN UNAUTHORIZED INDIVIDUAL IN**
10 **PRACTICING AS AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT;**

11 **(16) WILLFULLY DELEGATES AN ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT DUTY**
12 **TO AN UNLICENSED INDIVIDUAL;**

13 **(17) ESTABLISHES A PATTERN OF EXCESSIVE OR MEDICALLY**
14 **UNNECESSARY PROCEDURES OR TREATMENT;**

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

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

22 **(20) FAILS TO MEET APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR THE DELIVERY OF**
23 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT SERVICES;**

24 **(21) WILLFULLY SUBMITS FALSE STATEMENTS TO COLLECT FEES FOR**
25 **WHICH SERVICES ARE NOT PROVIDED;**

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

30 **(II) HAS:**

31 **1. SURRENDERED THE LICENSE, IF ANY, ISSUED BY THE**
32 **STATE OR COUNTRY; OR**

1 **2. ALLOWED THE LICENSE, IF ANY, ISSUED BY THE**
2 **STATE OR COUNTRY TO EXPIRE OR LAPSE;**

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

5 **(24) PRACTICES OR ATTEMPTS TO PRACTICE BEYOND THE**
6 **AUTHORIZED SCOPE OF PRACTICE;**

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

11 **(26) PRACTICES OR ATTEMPTS TO PRACTICE AS AN**
12 **ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANT IF THE APPLICANT OR LICENSEE HAS NOT**
13 **RECEIVED EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROCEDURE;**

14 **(27) FAILS TO COOPERATE WITH A LAWFUL INVESTIGATION OF THE**
15 **BOARD OR A DISCIPLINARY PANEL;**

16 **(28) FAILS TO COMPLETE A CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**
17 **UNDER § 14-308.1 OF THIS TITLE; OR**

18 **(29) VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE OR ANY RULE OR**
19 **REGULATION PERTAINING TO ANESTHESIOLOGIST ASSISTANTS THAT IS ADOPTED BY**
20 **THE BOARD, THE STATE, OR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.**

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

27 **(C) (1) ON THE FILING OF CERTIFIED DOCKET ENTRIES WITH THE BOARD**
28 **BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, A DISCIPLINARY PANEL SHALL ORDER**
29 **THE SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE IF THE LICENSEE IS CONVICTED OF OR PLEADS**
30 **GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE WITH RESPECT TO A CRIME INVOLVING MORAL**
31 **TURPITUDE, WHETHER OR NOT ANY APPEAL OR OTHER PROCEEDING IS PENDING TO**
32 **HAVE THE CONVICTION OR PLEA SET ASIDE.**

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

6 **(D) (1) IF, AFTER A HEARING UNDER § 14-405 OF THIS TITLE, A**
7 **DISCIPLINARY PANEL FINDS THAT THERE ARE GROUNDS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF**
8 **THIS SECTION TO SUSPEND OR REVOKE A LICENSE, TO REPRIMAND A LICENSEE, OR**
9 **TO PLACE A LICENSEE ON PROBATION, THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL MAY IMPOSE A**
10 **FINE SUBJECT TO THE BOARD'S REGULATIONS IN ADDITION TO SUSPENDING OR**
11 **REVOKING THE LICENSE, REPRIMANDING THE LICENSEE, OR PLACING THE**
12 **LICENSEE ON PROBATION.**

13 **(2) THE BOARD SHALL PAY ANY FINES COLLECTED UNDER THIS**
14 **SECTION INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE.**

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

18 **14-5H-16.**

19 **(A) (1) ANY PERSON AGGRIEVED BY A FINAL DECISION OF THE BOARD OR**
20 **A DISCIPLINARY PANEL UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY TAKE A DIRECT JUDICIAL**
21 **APPEAL.**

22 **(2) THE APPEAL SHALL BE MADE AS PROVIDED FOR JUDICIAL**
23 **REVIEW OF FINAL DECISIONS IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT.**

24 **(B) AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OR A DISCIPLINARY PANEL MAY NOT BE**
25 **STAYED PENDING REVIEW.**

26 **(C) THE BOARD MAY APPEAL FROM ANY DECISION THAT REVERSES OR**
27 **MODIFIES AN ORDER OF THE BOARD OR A DISCIPLINARY PANEL.**

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before October 1, 2027,
29 the State Board of Physicians shall adopt regulations necessary to carry out this Act,
30 including establishing the date by which the Board shall begin accepting applications for
31 licensure under this Act.

32 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
33 October 1, 2026.