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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)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
16 Article – Health Occupations
17 Section 14–206(e)(2)(ix)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Health Occupations
22 Section 14–206(e)(2)(x), 14–306.1, 14–306.2, 14–306.3, and 14–306.4

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.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Health Occupations**

6 14–206.

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

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

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

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

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

17 14–306.

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

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

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

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

30 (d) **(1)** If a duty that is to be delegated under this section is a part of the
31 practice of a health occupation that is regulated under this article by another board, any

1 rule or regulation concerning that duty shall be adopted jointly by the Board of Physicians
2 and the board that regulates the other health occupation.

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

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

8 (1) Do not include:

9 (i) Computerized or noncomputerized tomography;

10 (ii) Fluoroscopy;

11 (iii) Invasive radiology;

12 (iv) Mammography;

13 (v) Nuclear medicine;

14 (vi) Radiation therapy; or

15 (vii) Xerography;

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

17 (i) Chest;

18 (ii) Spine, including the:

19 1. Cervical spine;

20 2. Lumbar spine;

21 3. Sacroiliac joints;

22 4. Sacrum and coccyx; and

23 5. Thoracic spine;

24 (iii) Lower extremities, including:

25 1. Toes;

26 2. The foot;

- 1 3. The ankle;
- 2 4. The calcaneus;
- 3 5. The tibia and fibula;
- 4 6. The knee and patella; and
- 5 7. The femur; and

6 (iv) Upper extremities, including:

- 7 1. Fingers;
- 8 2. The hand;
- 9 3. The wrist;
- 10 4. The forearm;
- 11 5. The elbow;
- 12 6. The humerus;
- 13 7. The shoulder;
- 14 8. The clavicle;
- 15 9. Acromioclavicular joints; and
- 16 10. The scapula; and

17 (3) Are performed:

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

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

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

24 B. Completed a limited scope X-ray educational program
25 consisting of at least 115 hours of didactic training delivered by a radiologic technologist
26 certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists providing instruction in

1 radiographic anatomy, procedures, and pathology, digital image acquisition and display,
2 fundamentals, ethics, and laws of health care, human anatomy and physiology, image
3 production and analysis, imaging equipment and radiation production, medical
4 terminology, and patient care;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 1. Personally treating the patient;

16 2. In the same medical office as the patient and the
17 supervised medical graduate; and

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

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

21 1. Has a degree of:

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

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

27 2. Has passed parts 1 and 2 of:

28 A. The United States Medical Licensing Examination; or

29 B. The Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing
30 Examination of the United States.

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

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

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

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

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

16 (1) \$5,000 for each violation on the physician's office where the violation
17 occurred; and

18 (2) \$1,000 for each violation on the individual who committed the
19 violation.]

20 **14-306.1.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 **14-306.2.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 **(I) HAS A DEGREE OF:**

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

30 **2. DOCTOR OF OSTEOPATHY FROM A SCHOOL OF**
31 **OSTEOPATHY IN THE UNITED STATES, ITS TERRITORIES OR POSSESSIONS, PUERTO**

1 **RICO, OR CANADA THAT HAS STANDARDS FOR GRADUATION EQUIVALENT TO THOSE**
2 **ESTABLISHED BY THE AMERICAN OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION; AND**

3 **(II) HAS PASSED PARTS 1 AND 2 OF:**

4 **1. THE UNITED STATES MEDICAL LICENSING**
5 **EXAMINATION; OR**

6 **2. THE COMPREHENSIVE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL**
7 **LICENSING EXAMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES.**

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

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

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

16 **14-306.3.**

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

21 **(1) DO NOT INCLUDE:**

22 **(I) COMPUTERIZED OR NONCOMPUTERIZED TOMOGRAPHY;**

23 **(II) FLUOROSCOPY;**

24 **(III) INVASIVE RADIOLOGY;**

25 **(IV) MAMMOGRAPHY;**

26 **(V) NUCLEAR MEDICINE;**

27 **(VI) RADIATION THERAPY; OR**

1 **(VII) XEROGRAPHY;**

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

3 **(I) THE CHEST;**

4 **(II) THE SPINE, INCLUDING:**

5 1. **THE CERVICAL SPINE;**

6 2. **THE LUMBAR SPINE;**

7 3. **THE SACROILIAC JOINTS;**

8 4. **THE SACRUM AND COCCYX; AND**

9 5. **THE THORACIC SPINE;**

10 **(III) LOWER EXTREMITIES, INCLUDING:**

11 1. **TOES;**

12 2. **THE FOOT;**

13 3. **THE ANKLE;**

14 4. **THE CALCANEUS;**

15 5. **THE TIBIA AND FIBULA;**

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

17 7. **THE FEMUR; AND**

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

19 1. **FINGERS;**

20 2. **THE HAND;**

21 3. **THE WRIST;**

22 4. **THE FOREARM;**

- 1 5. **THE ELBOW;**
- 2 6. **THE HUMERUS;**
- 3 7. **THE SHOULDER;**
- 4 8. **THE CLAVICLE;**
- 5 9. **ACROMIOCLAVICULAR JOINTS; AND**
- 6 10. **THE SCAPULA;**

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

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

12 **(i) TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS**
13 **OF CLINICAL CARE EXPERIENCE;**

14 **(ii) TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF:**

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

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

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

26 **(iv) TO THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AT LEAST 480 HOURS**
27 **OF CLINICAL TRAINING;**

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 **(3) COMPLETE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE**
19 **BOARD.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 (III) COMPLETE ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY
3 THE BOARD.

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

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

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

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

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

19 (1) \$5,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION ON THE PHYSICIAN'S OFFICE WHERE
20 THE VIOLATION OCCURRED; AND

21 (2) \$1,000 FOR EACH VIOLATION ON THE INDIVIDUAL WHO
22 COMMITTED THE VIOLATION.

23 14-306.4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 **(4) IS:**

8 **(I) PROFESSIONALLY INCOMPETENT;**

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

10 **(III) MENTALLY INCOMPETENT;**

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

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

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

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

17 **(I) UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL; OR**

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

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

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

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

4 **(12) BREACHES PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY;**

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

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

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

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

17 **(17) 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 **(18) FAILS TO MEET APPROPRIATE STANDARDS FOR THE DELIVERY OF**
23 **QUALITY LIMITED X-RAY MACHINE OPERATION CARE PERFORMED IN ANY**
24 **OUTPATIENT SURGICAL FACILITY, OFFICE, HOSPITAL OR RELATED INSTITUTION, OR**
25 **ANY OTHER LOCATION IN THIS STATE;**

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

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

32 **(II) HAS:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 **(B) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE**
29 **PROCEDURE ACT, BEFORE THE BOARD OR A DISCIPLINARY PANEL TAKES ANY**
30 **ACTION UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD OR A DISCIPLINARY**
31 **PANEL SHALL GIVE THE INDIVIDUAL AGAINST WHOM THE ACTION IS**
32 **CONTEMPLATED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD OR THE**

1 DISCIPLINARY PANEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HEARING REQUIREMENTS OF §
2 14-405 OF THIS TITLE.

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

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

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

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

24 14-602.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (c) An unlicensed individual who acts under § 14–302 [or], § 14–306, **§ 14–306.1,**
10 **§ 14–306.2, OR § 14–306.3** of this title may use the word “physician” together with another
11 word to describe the occupation of the individual as in phrases such as “physician’s
12 assistant” or “physician’s aide”.

13 15–302.1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.