

occupations; and generally relating to the certification and regulation of persons engaged in the practice of respiratory care in this State.

BY adding to

Article - Health Occupations
Section 14-605.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1986 Replacement Volume and 1987 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds and declares that the practice of respiratory care affects the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, It is the purpose of this Act to make provision for minimum standards for the training and certification of medical personnel to protect the public from the unauthorized and unqualified practice of respiratory care and from unprofessional conduct by persons certified to practice respiratory care; now, therefore,

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

Article - Health Occupations

14-605.1.

(A) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) DEFINE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, THE TERMS "RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER" AND "PRACTICE RESPIRATORY CARE";

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH AFFECTED HEALTH PROVIDERS CONCERNING QUALIFICATIONS, TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, MONITORING OF, AND ENFORCEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR A RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER;

(3) PROVIDE FOR A REQUIREMENT TO ENSURE CONTINUED COMPETENCY IN THE PRACTICE OF RESPIRATORY CARE; AND

(4) PROVIDE DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES FOR RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS.

(B) THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF AN APPLICANT FOR CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD AS A RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER SHALL INCLUDE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED AND APPROVED BY: