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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
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Introduced by Rep. Ehardt

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4236

AN ACT to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "An act to protect and promote the public health; to codify, revise, consolidate, classify, and add to the laws relating to public health; to provide for the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities; to provide for the classification, administration, regulation, financing, and maintenance of personal, environmental, and other health services and activities; to create or continue, and prescribe the powers and duties of, departments, boards, commissions, councils, committees, task forces, and other agencies; to prescribe the powers and duties of governmental entities and officials; to regulate occupations, facilities, and agencies affecting the public health; to regulate health maintenance organizations and certain third party administrators and insurers; to provide for the imposition of a regulatory fee; to provide for the levy of taxes against certain health facilities or agencies; to promote the efficient and economical delivery of health care services, to provide for the appropriate utilization of health care facilities and services, and to provide for the closure of hospitals or consolidation of hospitals or services; to provide for the collection and use of data and information; to provide for the transfer of property; to provide certain immunity from liability; to regulate and prohibit the sale and offering for sale of drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; to provide for the implementation of federal law; to provide for penalties and remedies; to provide for sanctions for violations of this act and local ordinances; to provide for an appropriation and supplements; to repeal certain acts and parts of acts; to repeal certain parts of this act; and to repeal certain parts of this act on specific dates," by amending sections 16131, 16186, and 16263 (MCL 333.16131, 333.16186, and 333.16263), sections 16131 and 16263 as amended by 2001 PA 139 and section 16186 as amended by 2002 PA 643, and by adding section 16344 and part 187.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 16131. The terms of office of individual members of the boards and task forces, except those appointed to fill vacancies, expire 4 years after appointment as follows:

Nursing	June 30
Nursing home administrator	June 30
Optometry	June 30
Pharmacy	June 30
Podiatric medicine and surgery	June 30
Dentistry	June 30
Chiropractic	December 31
Counseling	June 30
Marriage and family therapy	June 30
Medicine	December 31

Occupational therapists	December 31
Osteopathic medicine and surgery	December 31
Physical therapy	December 31
Psychology	December 31
Respiratory care	December 31
Social work	December 31
Veterinary medicine	December 31

Sec. 16186. (1) An individual who is licensed to practice a health profession in another state or, until January 1, 2007, is licensed to practice a health profession in a province of Canada, who is registered in another state, or who holds a health profession specialty field license or specialty certification from another state and who applies for licensure, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license in this state may be granted an appropriate license or registration or specialty certification or health profession specialty field license upon satisfying the board or task force to which the applicant applies as to all of the following:

(a) The applicant substantially meets the requirements of this article and rules promulgated under this article for licensure, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license.

(b) Subject to subsection (3), the applicant is licensed, registered, specialty certified, or specialty licensed in another state or, until January 1, 2007, is licensed in a province in Canada that maintains standards substantially equivalent to those of this state.

(c) Subject to subsection (3), until January 1, 2007, if the applicant is licensed to practice a health profession in a province in Canada, the applicant completed the educational requirements in Canada or in the United States for licensure in Canada or in the United States.

(d) Until January 1, 2007, if the applicant is licensed to practice a health profession in a province in Canada, that the applicant will perform the professional services for which he or she bills in this state, and that any resulting request for third party reimbursement will originate from the applicant's place of employment in this state.

(2) Before granting a license, registration, specialty certification, or a health profession specialty field license to the applicant, the board or task force to which the applicant applies may require the applicant to appear personally before it for an interview to evaluate the applicant's relevant qualifications.

(3) For purposes of the 2002 amendatory act that added this subsection, an applicant who is licensed in a province in Canada who meets the requirements of subsection (1)(c) and takes and passes a national examination in this country that is approved by the appropriate Michigan licensing board, or who takes and passes a Canadian national examination approved by the appropriate Michigan licensing board, is considered to have met the requirements of subsection (1)(b). This subsection does not apply if the department, in consultation with the appropriate licensing board, promulgates a rule disallowing the use of this subsection for an applicant licensed in a province in Canada.

(4) If the department receives an application for licensure under part 187 from an individual who is licensed as a respiratory therapist in the country of Canada, the department shall consult the international reciprocity agreement executed by the national board for respiratory care and the Canadian society of respiratory therapists in effect on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection.

Sec. 16263. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the following words, titles, or letters or a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those persons authorized under this article to use the terms and in a way prescribed in this article:

(a) "Chiropractic", "doctor of chiropractic", "chiropractor", "d.c.", and "chiropractic physician".

(b) "Dentist", "doctor of dental surgery", "oral and maxillofacial surgeon", "orthodontist", "prosthodontist", "periodontist", "endodontist", "oral pathologist", "pediatric dentist", "dental hygienist", "registered dental hygienist", "dental assistant", "registered dental assistant", "r.d.a.", "d.d.s.", "d.m.d.", and "r.d.h.".

(c) "Doctor of medicine" and "m.d.".

(d) "Physician's assistant" and "p.a.".

(e) "Registered professional nurse", "registered nurse", "r.n.", "licensed practical nurse", "l.p.n.", "nurse midwife", "nurse anesthetist", "nurse practitioner", "trained attendant", and "t.a.".

(f) "Doctor of optometry", "optometrist", and "o.d.".

(g) "Osteopath", "osteopathy", "osteopathic practitioner", "doctor of osteopathy", "diplomate in osteopathy", and "d.o.".

(h) "Pharmacy", "pharmacist", "apothecary", "drugstore", "druggist", "medicine store", "prescriptions", and "r.ph.".

(i) "Physical therapy", "physical therapist", "physiotherapist", "registered physical therapist", "licensed physical therapist", "physical therapy technician", "p.t.", "r.p.t.", "l.p.t.", and "p.t.t.".

(j) “Chiroprapist”, “chiroprody”, “chiroprodial”, “podiatry”, “podiatrist”, “podiatric”, “doctor of podiatric medicine”, “foot specialist”, “podiatric physician and surgeon”, and “d.p.m.”.

(k) “Consulting psychologist”, “psychologist”, “psychological assistant”, “psychological examiner”, “licensed psychologist”, and “limited licensed psychologist”.

(l) “Licensed professional counselor”, “licensed counselor”, “professional counselor”, and “l.p.c.”.

(m) “Sanitarian”, “registered sanitarian”, and “r.s.”.

(n) “Social worker”, “certified social worker”, “social work technician”, “s.w.”, “c.s.w.”, and “s.w.t.”.

(o) “Veterinary”, “veterinarian”, “veterinary doctor”, “veterinary surgeon”, “doctor of veterinary medicine”, “v.m.d.”, “d.v.m.”, “animal technician”, or “animal technologist”.

(p) “Occupational therapist”, “occupational therapist registered”, “certified occupational therapist”, “o.t.”, “o.t.r.”, “c.o.t.”, “certified occupational therapy assistant”, “occupational therapy assistant”, or “c.o.t.a.”.

(q) “Marriage advisor” or “marriage consultant”; “family counselor”, “family advisor”, “family therapist”, or “family consultant”; “family guidance counselor”, “family guidance advisor”, or “family guidance consultant”; “marriage guidance counselor”, “marriage guidance advisor”, or “marriage guidance consultant”; “family relations counselor”; “marriage relations counselor”, “marriage relations advisor”, or “marriage relations consultant”; “marital counselor” or “marital therapist”; “limited licensed marriage and family therapist” or “limited licensed marriage counselor”; “licensed marriage and family therapist” or “licensed marriage counselor”; and “l.m.f.t.”.

(r) “Nursing home administrator”.

(s) “Respiratory therapist”, “respiratory care practitioner”, “licensed respiratory therapist”, “licensed respiratory care practitioner”, “r.t.”, “r.c.p.”, “l.r.t.”, and “l.r.c.p.”.

(2) Notwithstanding section 16261, a person who was specially trained at an institution of higher education in this state to assist a physician in the field of orthopedics and upon completion of training, received a 2-year associate of science degree as an orthopedic physician’s assistant before January 1, 1977, may use the title “orthopedic physician’s assistant” whether or not the person is licensed under this article.

Sec. 16344. Fees for an individual licensed or seeking licensure as a respiratory therapist under part 187 are as follows:

(a) Application processing fee.....	\$ 20.00
(b) License fee, per year	75.00
(c) Temporary license fee, per year	75.00

PART 187. RESPIRATORY CARE

Sec. 18701. (1) As used in this part:

(a) “Health facility” means a health facility or agency licensed under article 17.

(b) “Medical director” means a physician who is responsible for the quality, safety, appropriateness, and effectiveness of the respiratory care services provided by a respiratory therapist, who assists in quality monitoring, protocol development, and competency validation, and who meets all of the following:

(i) Is the medical director of an inpatient or outpatient respiratory care service or department within a health facility, or of a home care agency, durable medical equipment company, or educational program.

(ii) Has special interest and knowledge in the diagnosis and treatment of cardiopulmonary disorders and diseases.

(iii) Is qualified by training or experience, or both, in the management of acute and chronic cardiopulmonary disorders and diseases.

(c) “Physician” means that term as defined in sections 17001 and 17501.

(d) “Practice of respiratory care” means the provision of respiratory care services. Practice of respiratory care may be provided by an inpatient or outpatient service or department within a health facility, by a home care agency or durable medical equipment company, or by an educational program.

(e) “Respiratory care services” means preventative services, diagnostic services, therapeutic services, and rehabilitative services under the written, verbal, or telecommunicated order of a physician to an individual with a disorder, disease, or abnormality of the cardiopulmonary system as diagnosed by a physician. Respiratory care services involve, but are not limited to, observing, assessing, and monitoring signs and symptoms, reactions, general behavior, and general physical response of individuals to respiratory care services, including determination of whether those signs, symptoms, reactions, behaviors, or general physical response exhibit abnormal characteristics; the administration of pharmacological, diagnostic, and therapeutic agents related to respiratory care services; the collection of blood specimens and other bodily fluids and tissues for, and the performance of, cardiopulmonary diagnostic testing procedures including, but not limited to, blood gas analysis; development, implementation, and modification of

respiratory care treatment plans based on assessed abnormalities of the cardiopulmonary system, respiratory care protocols, clinical pathways, referrals, and written, verbal, or telecommunicated orders of a physician; application, operation, and management of mechanical ventilatory support and other means of life support; and the initiation of emergency procedures under the rules promulgated by the board.

(f) “Respiratory therapist” and “respiratory care practitioner” mean an individual engaged in the practice of respiratory care and who is responsible for providing respiratory care services and who is licensed under this article as a respiratory therapist or respiratory care practitioner.

(2) In addition to the definitions in this part, article 1 contains general definitions and principles of construction applicable to all articles in this code and part 161 contains definitions applicable to this part.

Sec. 18703. Beginning the effective date of the amendatory act that added this part, an individual shall not use the titles “respiratory therapist”, “respiratory care practitioner”, “licensed respiratory therapist”, “licensed respiratory care practitioner”, “r.t.”, “r.c.p.”, “l.r.t.”, “l.r.c.p.”, or similar words that indicate the individual is a respiratory therapist unless the individual is licensed under this article as a respiratory therapist or respiratory care practitioner.

Sec. 18705. The Michigan board of respiratory care is created in the department and consists of the following 7 members who meet the requirements of part 161:

- (a) Four individuals who meet the requirements of section 16135(2).
- (b) One medical director.
- (c) Two public members.

Sec. 18707. (1) An individual shall not engage in the practice of respiratory care or provide or offer to provide respiratory care services unless licensed under this part.

(2) Subsection (1) does not prevent any of the following:

(a) An individual licensed under any other part or act from performing activities that are considered respiratory care services if those activities are within the individual’s scope of practice and if the individual does not use the titles protected under section 18703.

(b) An individual not licensed under this part from performing activities that are considered respiratory care services while under the supervision of an individual who is licensed under this part as a respiratory therapist or respiratory care practitioner, if the individual does not use the titles protected under section 18703.

(c) An individual not licensed under this part from performing activities that are considered diagnostic services if the individual possesses a level of training approved by the board, has successfully passed a credentialing examination approved by the board, and if the individual does not use the titles protected under section 18703.

(d) The practice of respiratory care which is an integral part of a program of study by students enrolled in an accredited respiratory therapist educational program approved by the board, provided that they are identified as a student and provide respiratory care services only while under the supervision of a licensed respiratory therapist or respiratory care practitioner.

(e) Self-care by a patient or uncompensated care by a friend or family member who does not represent or hold himself or herself out to be a licensed respiratory therapist or respiratory care practitioner.

Sec. 18709. (1) The department shall promulgate rules under section 16145 as necessary or appropriate to fulfill its functions under this article. In promulgating rules to establish requirements for licensure under section 16145, the department shall adopt all of the following requirements:

- (a) Successful completion of an accredited respiratory therapist training program approved by the department.
- (b) Having at least a 2-year associate’s degree from an accredited college or university approved by the department.
- (c) Having the credential conferred by the national board for respiratory care or its successor organization as a respiratory therapist or its successor credential, as approved by the department.

(2) The department shall issue a license as a respiratory therapist to an individual who had either of the credentials as a registered respiratory therapist or certified respiratory therapist, or their predecessor credentials, conferred by the national board for respiratory care, or its predecessor organization, on or before the effective date of this part, and who applies for licensure as a respiratory therapist within 1 year after the effective date of this part.

(3) The department shall issue a license as a respiratory therapist to an individual who is a holder of a temporary license as a respiratory therapist if a holder of a temporary license meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) Applies for licensure as a respiratory therapist prior to the expiration of his or her temporary license as prescribed in section 18711(2).

(b) Provides proof to the department that he or she has successfully completed the national credentialing exam by the national board for respiratory care or its successor organization, as approved by the department.

(4) The department may utilize the standards contained in the clinical practice guidelines issued by the American association of respiratory care that are in effect on the effective date of this part as interim standards, which are adopted by reference, until rules are promulgated under subsection (1).

Sec. 18711. (1) The department may issue a temporary license as a respiratory therapist to an applicant who does not meet all of the requirements of section 18709, if the applicant does all of the following:

(a) Applies to the department for a temporary license within 1 year after the effective date of the amendatory act that added this part.

(b) Provides satisfactory proof to the department that he or she has been employed full-time as a respiratory therapist for the 4 years immediately preceding the date of application in 1 of the following:

(i) An inpatient or outpatient respiratory care service or department within a licensed health facility.

(ii) A durable medical equipment company or home care agency.

(iii) A respiratory care educational program.

(c) Provides the department with a letter of recommendation from his or her medical director at the time of application attesting to the applicant's clinical competence as a respiratory therapist.

(d) Pays the applicable fees prescribed by section 16344.

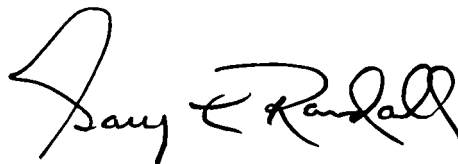
(2) A temporary license issued by the department under this section expires within the same time period as a nontemporary license issued by the department under this part. The holder of a temporary license issued under this section may apply for 1 or more renewals of the temporary license a number of times, but an individual may not hold a temporary license for more than a total of 4 years.

(3) The holder of a temporary license issued under this section is subject to this part and the rules promulgated under this part, except for the requirements for licensure.

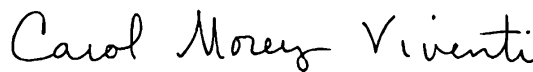
Sec. 18713. This part does not require new or additional third party reimbursement or mandated worker's compensation benefits for services rendered by an individual licensed as a respiratory therapist under this article.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect July 1, 2004.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved

Governor