

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1467

Page 1, line 1, after "A BILL" replace the remainder of the bill with "for an Act to create and enact a new subsection to section 43-42-01, two new subsections to section 43-42-03, and a new section to chapter 43-42 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to temporary licenses for respiratory therapy students; and to declare an emergency.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

**SECTION 1.** A new subsection to section 43-42-01 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

"Student respiratory therapist" means a student currently enrolled in a board-approved respiratory therapy educational program that is accredited and in good standing with the commission on accreditation of allied health education programs, or its successor organization, who holds a temporary license under section 43-42-03.

**SECTION 2.** Two new subsections to section 43-42-03 of the North Dakota Century Code are created and enacted as follows:

Notwithstanding subsection 3, the board shall issue a temporary license for an applicant to practice as a student respiratory therapist if the applicant:

- a. Is a student currently enrolled in a board-approved respiratory therapy educational program, accredited and in good standing with the commission on accreditation of allied health education programs, or its successor organization.
- b. Complies with board-established application instructions and requirements.
- c. Pays the application, initial issuance, and renewal fees for a temporary license.

The board shall renew a temporary license issued to a student respiratory therapist if the health care institution and the student annually supply evidence to the board of satisfactory and timely progress toward graduation. A temporary student respiratory therapist license may be renewed annually for a maximum of four years. On a case-by-case basis, the board may renew a license beyond the four-year limit upon a showing of good cause.

**SECTION 3.** A new section to chapter 43-42 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Student respiratory therapists.**

1. A student respiratory therapist may only perform procedures that have been part of courses the student has successfully completed in the accredited program in which the student is enrolled and for which the student's employing health care institution has verified and documented competency.

2. A student respiratory therapist may only perform respiratory therapy procedures under the proximate supervision or direction of a physician, certified or registered respiratory therapist, registered nurse, physicians assistant, or nurse practitioner who is physically close enough to be readily available if needed by the supervised student.
3. A student respiratory therapist must be identified to the public as a student respiratory therapist while working in a health care institution.
4. Upon graduation, a student respiratory therapist is subject to subsection 2 of section 43-42-05 regarding application for a permanent license.

**SECTION 4. EMERGENCY.** This Act is declared to be an emergency measure."

Renumber accordingly