

1 Introduced by Committee on Government Operations and Military Affairs

2 Referred to Committee on

3 Date:

4 Subject: Professions and occupations

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to modify
6 provisions related to the Professional Regulatory Fee Fund. It will expand
7 what constitutes professional misconduct to include impeding an inspection.
8 This bill will modify the scope of practice for estheticians and clarification for
9 their licensing. It will modify the placement of subchapter titles concerning
10 nursing statutes and create consistency in terminology relating to nursing. This
11 bill will create an exemption to osteopath licensing for students and clinical
12 rotations. It will create an exemption to radiology technologist licensing for
13 limited temporary medical licensees. This bill will modify aspects of tattooing,
14 body piercing, and permanent cosmetics licensing, including the number of
15 advisors, shop licensing, and unprofessional conduct. It will clarify the scope
16 of practice for electrologists.

17 An act relating to professions and occupations regulated by the Office of
18 Professional Regulation

1 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

2 * * * Office of Professional Regulation * * *

3 Sec. 1. 3 V.S.A. § 127 is amended to read:

4 § 127. UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE

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6 (b)(1) A person practicing a regulated profession without authority or an
7 employer permitting such practice may, upon the complaint of the Attorney
8 General or a State’s Attorney or an attorney assigned by the Office of
9 Professional Regulation, be enjoined therefrom by the Superior Court where
10 the violation occurred or the Washington County Superior Court and may be
11 assessed a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000.00.

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13 (3)(A) A civil penalty imposed by a board or administrative law officer
14 under this subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Professional Regulatory Fee
15 Fund established in section 124 of this chapter ~~for the purpose of providing~~
16 ~~education and training for board members and advisor appointees.~~

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18 Sec. 2. 3 V.S.A. § 129a is amended to read:

19 § 129a. UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

20 (a) In addition to any other provision of law, the following conduct by a
21 licensee constitutes unprofessional conduct. When that conduct is by an

1 applicant or person who later becomes an applicant, it may constitute grounds
2 for denial of a license or other disciplinary action. Any one of the following
3 items or any combination of items, whether the conduct at issue was
4 committed within or outside the State, shall constitute unprofessional conduct:

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6 (16)(A) Impeding an investigation or inspection under this chapter or
7 unreasonably failing to reply, cooperate, or produce lawfully requested records
8 in relation to such investigation or inspection.

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10 * * * Barbers and Cosmetologists * * *

11 Sec. 3. 26 V.S.A. § 271 is amended to read:

12 § 271. DEFINITIONS

13 As used in this chapter:

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15 (4)(A) “Esthetics” means ~~massaging, cleansing, stimulating, manipulating,~~
16 ~~beautifying, or otherwise working on the scalp, face, or neck by using cosmetic~~
17 ~~preparations, antiseptics, tonics, lotions, or creams~~ services related to skin-care
18 treatments to enhance or improve the appearance of the skin, including:

19 (i) cleansing, toning, stimulating, manipulating, beautifying,
20 exfoliating, or performing any similar procedure on the human body using only

1 cosmetic preparations, hands, mechanical or electrical apparatus or appliances,
2 tonics, lotions, creams, or makeup;

3 (ii) beautifying lashes and brows; and

4 (iii) removing unwanted hair using manual and mechanical means.

5 (B) “Esthetics” does not include any of the following:

6 (i) the sale or application of cosmetics to customers in retail stores or
7 customers’ homes;

8 (ii) any practice, activity, or treatment that constitutes the practice of
9 medicine, as defined in section 1311 of this title, including injections of any
10 substance and the use of lasers; or

11 (iii) the application of permanent cosmetics.

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13 (7) “Shop” means a facility or facilities regularly used to offer or provide
14 barbering ~~or~~, cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring.

15 Sec. 4. 26 V.S.A. § 272 is amended to read:

16 § 272. PROHIBITIONS; OFFENSES

17 (a) A person shall not practice or attempt to practice barbering ~~or~~,
18 cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring or use in connection with the person’s
19 name any letters, words, title, or insignia indicating or implying that the person
20 is a barber ~~or~~, cosmetologist, esthetician, or manicurist unless the person is
21 licensed in accordance with this chapter.

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(b) The practices of barbering ~~and~~, cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring shall be permitted only in shops licensed by the Director, except as provided in sections 273 and 281 of this chapter and the rules of the Director.

Sec. 7. 26 V.S.A. § 283 is amended to read:

§ 283. EXAMINATION

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(b)(1) The examination for a license shall include ~~both practical demonstrations and written or oral tests~~ examinations approved by the Director by rule in the area of practices for which a license is applied and other related studies or subjects as the Director may determine necessary.

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Sec. 8. 26 V.S.A. § 284 is amended to read:

§ 284. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE

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(b) The Director shall issue a license to the person who owns or controls a shop or school of barbering ~~or~~, cosmetology, esthetics, or manicuring who has paid the required fee and is in compliance with the rules of the Director and the provisions of this chapter.

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* * * Nursing * * *

1 Sec. 9. 26 V.S.A. chapter 28 is amended to read:

2 CHAPTER 28. NURSING

3 Subchapter 1. General Provisions

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5 § 1574. POWERS AND DUTIES

6 (a) In addition to the powers granted by 3 V.S.A. § 129, the Board shall:

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8 (7) Adopt rules setting ~~active practice~~ continued competency and
9 ongoing practice requirements for licensure and renewal.

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11 Subchapter 2. Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

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13 Subchapter 3. Registered Nurses and Practical Nurses

14 § 1621. REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE BY EXAMINATION

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16 ~~Subchapter 4. Nursing Assistants~~

17 § 1622. REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

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19 § 1624. REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE RENEWAL

20 To renew a license, a registered nurse shall meet ~~active practice~~ continued
21 competency requirements set by the Board by rule.

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2 § 1628. PRACTICAL NURSE LICENSE RENEWAL

3 To renew a license, a practical nurse shall meet ~~active practice~~ continued
4 competency requirements set by the Board by rule.

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6 Subchapter 4. Nursing Assistants

7 § 1641. DEFINITIONS

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9 § 1645. RENEWAL

10 (a) To renew a license, a nursing assistant shall meet ~~active practice~~
11 ongoing practice requirements set by the Board by rule.

12 (b) The Board shall credit as ~~active practice~~ ongoing practice those
13 activities, regardless of title or obligation to hold a license, that reasonably tend
14 to reinforce the training and skills of a licensee.

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16 Subchapter 5. Nurse Licensure Compact

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18 * * * Osteopathy * * *

19 Sec. 10. 26 V.S.A. § 1753 is amended to read:

20 § 1753. EXEMPTIONS

1 (a) The provisions of subdivision 1752(a)(1) of this title, relating to
2 practice, shall not apply to the following persons acting within the scope of
3 their respective practices:

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5 (4) A student who:

6 (A) is enrolled in an accredited educational program that leads to the
7 issuance of a degree that would satisfy the educational requirement for a
8 profession licensed under this chapter;

9 (B) is engaged in an organized clinical training program;

10 (C) engages in acts constituting the practice of medicine while under
11 the supervision of a Vermont-licensed or Vermont-certified health care
12 professional who is qualified to supervise any acts by the student that
13 constitute the practice of medicine; and

14 (D) is not a postgraduate trainee who is otherwise required to obtain a
15 training license.

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17 * * * Radiology * * *

18 Sec. 11. 26 V.S.A. § 2801 is amended to read:

19 § 2801. DEFINITIONS

20 As used in this chapter:

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1 As used in this chapter:

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3 (3) ~~“Disciplinary action” includes any action taken by an administrative~~
4 ~~law officer against a licensed tattooist or applicant premised on a finding of~~
5 ~~unprofessional conduct. Disciplinary action includes all appropriate remedies,~~
6 ~~including denial of an application for or renewal of a license, suspension or~~
7 ~~revocation of a license, limiting or conditioning of a license, issuing~~
8 ~~reprimands or warnings, and adopting consent orders. [Repealed.]~~

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10 (8) ~~“Special panel” means a panel established pursuant to 3 V.S.A.~~
11 ~~§ 129(j). [Repealed.]~~

12 (9) “Shop” means a facility regularly used to offer or perform the
13 practice of tattooing ~~or~~ body piercing, or permanent cosmetics.

14 Sec. 14. 26 V.S.A. § 4103 is amended to read:

15 § 4103. DIRECTOR; FUNCTION; COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH;

16 RULES

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18 (c) The Director may adopt rules necessary to perform ~~his or her~~ the
19 Director’s duties pursuant to this chapter. These rules may include:

20 (1) provisions governing tattooist, body piercer, and permanent
21 cosmetologist apprenticeships; and

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Sec. 16. 26 V.S.A. § 4105 is amended to read:

§ 4105. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

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(b) Tattoois and body piercers.

(1)(A) As a prerequisite to licensure, a tattooist or body piercer applicant shall provide proof of an apprenticeship of at least 1,000 hours of experience obtained within two calendar years working under the direct supervision of a body piercer or tattooist licensed and in good standing with this State or the state in which ~~he or she~~ the body piercer or tattooist is regulated, and who has been in practice a minimum of three years.

(B) ~~Proof may be in the form of a sworn affidavit from the supervising tattooist or body piercer, including information as the Director may reasonably require on forms provided by the Director.~~ The Director may adopt rules to require additional information from applicants to prove completion of an apprenticeship.

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(3) Apprentices shall ~~contact~~ register with the Office for the appropriate ~~forms~~ prior to beginning the apprenticeship in accordance with rules adopted by the Director.

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1 (c) Permanent cosmetologists.

2 (1)(A) As a prerequisite to licensure for the practice of permanent
3 cosmetics, an applicant shall provide proof of a course of approved study
4 lasting at least 60 hours.

5 (B)(i) In addition, the applicant shall obtain at least 40 hours of
6 practical experience, within two calendar years preceding the application,
7 working under the direct supervision of a tattooist or permanent cosmetologist
8 licensed and in good standing with this State or the state in which ~~he or she~~ the
9 tattooist or permanent cosmetologist is regulated, and who has been in practice
10 a minimum of three years.

11 (ii) ~~Proof may be in the form of a sworn affidavit from the~~
12 ~~supervising permanent cosmetologist or tattooist, including information as the~~
13 ~~Director may reasonably require on forms provided by the Director. The~~
14 Director may adopt rules to require additional information from applicants to
15 prove completion of an apprenticeship.

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17 (3) Prior to training and obtaining practical experience, applicants
18 shall ~~contact~~ register with the Office and ~~submit the appropriate forms in~~
19 accordance with rules adopted by the Director.

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1 (d) Shops. A shop shall not operate in this State without first registering
2 with the Office of Professional Regulation and paying a fee of \$100.00.
3 Registration shall be in the form required by the Director.

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5 (2) All shops shall designate a person who is licensed under this chapter
6 ~~in the practice of tattooing or body piercing~~ at least one of the professions
7 being practiced in the shop, be it tattooing, body piercing, or permanent
8 cosmetics, who shall be responsible for overall cleanliness and sanitation of the
9 shop.

10 (3) The practice of tattooing or body piercing shall be permitted only in
11 registered tattooing and body piercing shops.

12 (4) The practice of permanent cosmetics ~~may be performed~~ shall be
13 permitted only in:

14 (A) a licensed permanent cosmetic shop;

15 (B) a cosmetology shop licensed under chapter 6 of this title;

16 (C) anywhere the practice of tattooing is permitted;

17 (D) on the premises of a health care professional licensed pursuant to
18 this title, or; and

19 (E) on premises meeting the sanitation requirements of this chapter as
20 determined by the Director or as set forth by rule.

1 does not include any practice, activity, or treatment that constitutes the practice
2 of medicine, as defined in section 1311 of this title, including injections of any
3 substance or the practices of permanent cosmetics as defined in section 4101 of
4 this title.

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6 * * * Effective Date * * *

7 Sec. 19. EFFECTIVE DATE

8 This act shall take effect on passage.