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An act relating to preemployment health screenings for hospital employees

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

Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1905 is amended to read:

§ 1905. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

Upon receipt of an application for license and the license fee, the licensing agency shall issue a license when it determines that the applicant and hospital facilities meet the following minimum standards:

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(10) All employees shall have a pre-employment physical examination preemployment screening by a licensed physician or a qualified nurse practitioner, licensed physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice registered nurse who is acting within his or her scope of practice, or by a designee acting under the direction of one of these licensed health care professionals. This examination screening shall include medically indicated radiological, hematological, biochemical, immunological, or serological examinations screenings to exclude the presence of a communicable disease prior to employment. These examinations screenings may be repeated annually as a condition of employment and the results shall be made available, on request, to the licensing agency for review.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on passage.