

1 S.165

2 Introduced by Senator Ayer

3 Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

4 Date: January 3, 3018

5 Subject: Health; hospitals; physicians; physician assistants; advanced practice
6 registered nurses; preemployment screening

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand
8 the categories of licensed health care professionals who may perform
9 preemployment health screenings for hospital employees.

10 An act relating to preemployment health screenings for hospital employees

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

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

13 § 1905. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

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

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18 (10) All employees shall have a ~~pre-employment physical examination~~
19 preemployment screening by a licensed physician ~~or a qualified nurse~~

1 ~~practitioner~~, licensed physician assistant, or licensed advanced practice
2 registered nurse who is acting within his or her scope of practice, or by a
3 designee acting under the direction of one of these licensed health care
4 professionals. This ~~examination~~ screening shall include medically indicated
5 radiological, hematological, biochemical, immunological, or serological
6 ~~examinations~~ screenings to exclude the presence of a communicable disease
7 prior to employment. These ~~examinations~~ screenings may be repeated
8 annually as a condition of employment and the results shall be made available,
9 on request, to the licensing agency for review.

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11 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

12 This act shall take effect on passage.