

1 S.14

2 Introduced by Senator Sears

3 Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

4 Date: January 10, 2017

5 Subject: Health; mental health; health care providers

6 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to expand the
7 Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network to include treatment for psychiatric
8 disabilities in addition to substance use.

9 An act relating to expanding the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network

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

11 ~~*** Podiatrists ***~~

12 Sec. 1. ~~26~~ V.S.A. § 374 is amended to read:

13 § 374. FEES; LICENSES

14 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
15 fees:

16 (1) Application for licensure, \$650.00; the Board shall use at least
17 \$25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner
18 Recovery Network, which monitors ~~recovering chemically dependent licensees~~
19 ~~for and coordinates supports for licensees with a psychiatric disability,~~

1 ~~including substance use disorder, for the potential rehabilitation of the licensee,~~
2 and the protection of the public.

3 (2) Biennial renewal, \$525.00; the Board shall use at least \$25.00 of this
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5 Network, which monitors ~~recovering chemically dependent licensees for~~ and
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7 substance use disorder, for the potential rehabilitation of the licensee and the
8 protection of the public.

9 * * * Physicians * * *

10 Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 1401a is amended to read:

11 § 1401a. FEES

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22 coordinates supports for licensees with a psychiatric disability, including

1 ~~substance use disorder, for the potential rehabilitation of the licensee and the~~
2 protection of the public.

3 (D) Initial limited temporary license; annual renewal \$75.00.

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5 * * * Anesthesiologist Assistants * * *

6 Sec. 3. 26 V.S.A. § 1662 is amended to read:

7 § 1662. FEES

8 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
9 fees:

10 (1)(A)(i) Original application for certification, \$120.00;

11 (ii) Each additional application, \$55.00;

12 (B) The Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees to support the
13 cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network, which
14 ~~monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees, for and coordinates~~
15 supports for licensees with a psychiatric disability, including substance use
16 disorder, for the potential rehabilitation of the licensee and the protection of
17 the public.

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19 (ii) Each additional renewal, \$55.00;

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2 supports for licensees with a psychiatric disability, including substance use
3 disorder, for the potential rehabilitation of the licensee and the protection of
4 the public. In addition to the fee, an applicant for certification renewal shall
5 submit evidence in a manner acceptable to the Board that he or she continues
6 to meet the certification requirements of the NCCAA.

7 (3) Transfer of certification, \$20.00.

8 * * * Physician Assistants * * *

9 Sec. 4. 26 V.S.A. § 1740 is amended to read:

10 § 1740. FEES

11 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
12 fees:

13 (1) Original application for licensure, \$225.00; the Board shall use at
14 least \$10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont
15 Practitioner Recovery Network, which monitors ~~recovering chemically~~
16 ~~dependent licensees for~~ and coordinates supports for licensees with a
17 psychiatric disability, including substance use disorder, for the potential
18 rehabilitation of the licensee and the protection of the public.

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20 fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery
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2 ~~substance use disorder, for the potential rehabilitation of the licensee and the~~
3 ~~protection of the public.~~

4 * * * Radiologist Assistants * * *

5 Sec. 5. 26 V.S.A. § 2862 is amended to read:

6 § 2862. FEES

7 Applicants and persons regulated under this chapter shall pay the following
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10 \$120.00;

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12 (B) The Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees to support the
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4 ~~the public. In addition to the fee, an applicant for certification renewal shall~~
5 ~~submit evidence in a manner acceptable to the Board that he or she continues~~
6 ~~to meet the certification requirements of the ARRT and is licensed as a~~
7 ~~radiologic technologist under chapter 51 of this title.~~

8 (3) Transfer of certification \$20.00.

9 Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

10 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.~~

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~~(1) Application for licensure, \$650.00; the Board shall use at least \$25.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network, which, for the protection of the public, monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public and evaluates, coordinates services for, and promotes rehabilitation of licensees who have or potentially have an impaired ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety, which may result from:~~

~~(A) a mental condition;~~

~~(B) a physical illness or condition, including an illness or condition that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills; or~~

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~~(b) As used in this section, "mental condition" means any psychiatric or emotional disorder that either falls within the diagnostic categories listed in the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) or is defined by the most recent Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).~~

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~~Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 1401a is amended to read:~~

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~~(3) Initial limited temporary license; annual renewal \$75.00.~~

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~~(c) As used in this section, "mental condition" means any psychiatric or emotional disorder that either falls within the diagnostic categories listed in the International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD) or is defined by the most recent Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM).~~

~~*** Anesthesiologist Assistants ***~~

~~Sec. 3. 26 V.S.A. § 1662 is amended to read:~~

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~~(2)(1)(i) Biennial renewal, \$120.00,~~

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~~(3) Transfer of certification, \$20.00.~~

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~~(2) Biennial renewal, \$215.00; the Board shall use at least \$10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network, which, for the protection of the public, monitors recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public and evaluates, coordinates services for, and promotes rehabilitation of licensees who have or potentially have an impaired ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety, which may result from:~~

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~~*** Radiologist Assistants ***~~

~~Sec. 5. 26 V.S.A. § 2862 is amended to read:~~

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- ~~(ii) Each additional renewal \$55.00;~~

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~~(ii) In addition to the fee, an applicant for certification renewal shall submit evidence in a manner acceptable to the Board that he or she continues to meet the certification requirements of the APRT and is licensed as a radiologic technologist under chapter 51 of this title.~~

- ~~(3) Transfer of certification \$20.00.~~

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~~* * * Physicians * * *~~

~~Sec. 2. 26 V.S.A. § 1395(c) is amended to read:~~

~~(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section and any other provision of law, a physician who holds an unrestricted license in all jurisdictions where the physician is currently licensed, and who certifies to the Vermont board of medical practice that he or she will limit his or her practice in Vermont to providing pro bono services at a free or reduced fee health care clinic in Vermont and who meets the criteria of the board, shall be licensed by the board within 60 days of the licensee's certification without further examination, interview, fee, or any other requirement for board licensure. The physician shall file with the board, on forms provided by the board and based on criteria developed by the board, information on medical qualifications, professional discipline, criminal record, malpractice claims, or any other such information as the board may require. A license granted under this subsection shall authorize the licensee to practice medicine on a voluntary basis in Vermont. [Repealed.]~~

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(3) Initial limited temporary license; annual renewal \$75.00.

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(c)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a physician who holds an unrestricted license in all jurisdictions where the physician is currently licensed and who meets the criteria of the Board shall be licensed without fee if the physician certifies to the Board that he or she shall limit practice in Vermont solely to providing:

(A) pro bono services at a free or reduced fee health care clinic in Vermont; or

(B) volunteer services through the Vermont Medical Reserve Corps.

(2) A physician, under this subsection, shall file with the Board using forms provided on the Board's website, information on medical qualifications, professional discipline, criminal record, malpractice claims, or any other such information as the Board may require. A license granted under this subsection shall authorize the licensee to practice medicine either on a voluntary basis at a free or reduced fee clinic in Vermont or in connection with the Vermont Medical Reserve Corps, respectively.

* * * Anesthesiologist Assistants * * *

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(ii) Each additional renewal, \$55.00;

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(2) Biennial renewal, \$215.00; the Board shall use at least \$10.00 of this fee to support the cost of maintaining the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network, which, for the protection of the public, monitors ~~recovering chemically dependent licensees for the protection of the public~~ and evaluates, coordinates services for, and promotes rehabilitation of licensees who have or potentially have an impaired ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

* * * Radiologist Assistants * * *

Sec. 6. 26 V.S.A. § 2862 is amended to read:

§ 2862. FEES

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(ii) Each additional application \$55.00;

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(ii) In addition to the fee, an applicant for certification renewal shall submit evidence in a manner acceptable to the Board that he or she continues to meet the certification requirements of the ARRT and is licensed as a radiologic technologist under chapter 51 of this title.

(3) Transfer of certification \$20.00.

** * * Effective Date * * **

Sec. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.