

**No. 39. An act relating to expanding the Vermont Practitioner Recovery Network.**

(S.14)

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

\* \* \* Podiatrists \* \* \*

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

§ 374. FEES; LICENSES

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

(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.

(2) Biennial renewal, \$525.00; 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.

\* \* \* 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 [Repealed.]~~

Sec. 3. 26 V.S.A. § 1401a is amended to read:

§ 1401a. FEES

(a) The Department of Health shall collect the following fees:

(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.

(2) Biennial renewal, \$525.00; 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.

(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 \* \* \*

Sec. 4. 26 V.S.A. § 1662 is amended to read:

§ 1662. FEES

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

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

(ii) Each additional application, \$55.00;

(B) The Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees 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.

(2)(A)(i) Biennial renewal, \$120.00;

(ii) Each additional renewal, \$55.00;

(B)(i) The Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees 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.

(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 NCCAA.

(3) Transfer of certification, \$20.00.

\* \* \* Physician Assistants \* \* \*

Sec. 5. 26 V.S.A. § 1740 is amended to read:

§ 1740. FEES

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

(1) Original application for licensure, \$225.00; 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.

(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

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

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| (1)(A)(i) Original application for certification | \$120.00; |
| (ii) Each additional application                 | \$55.00;  |

(B) The Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees 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.

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| (2)(A)(i) Biennial renewal   | \$120.00; |
| (ii) Each additional renewal | \$55.00;  |

(B)(i) The Board shall use at least \$10.00 of these fees 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.

(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.

Date Governor signed bill: May 17, 2017