

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2457

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5 By: Representative Bradford  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PERFUSIONISTS LICENSURE ACT;  
10 TO REQUIRE CLINICAL ACTIVITIES FOR LICENSURE OF  
11 PERFUSIONISTS; TO REPEAL THE PROVISION FOR  
12 LICENSURE WITHOUT EXAMINATION; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 AN ACT TO AMEND THE PERFUSIONISTS  
17 LICENSURE ACT.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-104-202(b) and (c), concerning election  
23 of members and meetings of the Perfusionists Advisory Committee, are amended  
24 to read as follows:

25 (b)(1) At the initial organizational meeting of the committee, the  
26 members shall elect from among their number a chair, vice chair, and  
27 secretary to serve for one (1) year.

28 (2) Annually thereafter, ~~an organizational meeting shall be held~~  
29 ~~to elect the officers~~ shall be elected.

30 (3) A majority of the members of the committee shall constitute  
31 a quorum for the transaction of business and to perform such duties as the  
32 committee may prescribe.

33 (c)(1) Quarterly meetings of the committee ~~shall~~ may be held.

34 (2) Special meetings may be called by the chair or as provided  
35 by the rules of the committee.  
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1 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 17-104-203(c), concerning continuing  
2 education for perfusionists, is amended to read as follows:

3 (c) Under the authority of the board, the committee shall:

4 (1) Recommend to the board a code of ethics for perfusionists;

5 (2) Recommend to the board the qualifications and fitness of  
6 applicants for licensure, renewal of licenses, and reciprocity with other  
7 states;

8 (3) Recommend to the board the procedure for the revocation,  
9 suspension, or denial of a license, probate a license suspension, or  
10 reprimand a licensee for a violation of this chapter, the code of ethics, or  
11 the regulations promulgated by the board;

12 (4) Recommend to the board the categories of fees and the amount  
13 of fees that may be imposed to obtain a license;

14 (5)(A) Recommend to the board continuing professional education  
15 requirements and clinical activities for licensed perfusionists and  
16 provisional licensed perfusionists under this chapter, the standards of which  
17 shall be at least as strict as those of the American Board of Cardiovascular  
18 Perfusion existing on ~~July 1, 1999~~ January 1, 2005.

19 (B) The standards shall:

20 ~~(A)(i)~~ Establish the minimum amount of continuing  
21 education and clinical activities required to renew a license under this  
22 chapter;

23 ~~(B)(ii)~~ Develop a process to evaluate and approve  
24 continuing education courses and clinical activities;

25 ~~(C)(iii)~~ Identify the factors for the competent  
26 performance by a licensee; and

27 ~~(D)(iv)~~ Develop a procedure to assess a licensee's  
28 participation in continuing education programs and clinical activities; and

29 (6) Under the authority of the board, assist in other matters  
30 dealing with perfusion as the board may direct.

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32 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 17-104-303(b) through (d), concerning  
33 renewal of perfusionist licenses, are amended to read as follows:

34 (b) A person may renew an unexpired license by submitting proof  
35 satisfactory to the Department of Health of compliance with the continuing  
36 professional education and clinical activities requirements prescribed by the

1 State Board of Health and by paying the required renewal fee to the board  
 2 prior to the expiration date of the license.

3 (c) A person whose license has been expired for less than ninety (90)  
 4 days may renew the license by submitting proof satisfactory to the department  
 5 of compliance with the continuing professional education and clinical  
 6 activities requirements prescribed by the board and by paying the required  
 7 renewal fee and a penalty as established by the board.

8 (d) A person whose license has been expired for more than ninety (90)  
 9 days but less than two (2) years may renew the license by submitting proof  
 10 satisfactory to the department of compliance with the continuing professional  
 11 education and clinical activities requirements prescribed by the board and by  
 12 paying the required renewal fee and a penalty as established by the  
 13 department.

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 15 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 17-104-313 is repealed.

16 ~~17-104-313. Exceptions to license requirements.~~

17 ~~(a) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, any person is eligible~~  
 18 ~~to make application to the State Board of Health and receive a license if the~~  
 19 ~~person is in the practice of perfusion consistent with applicable law, and if~~  
 20 ~~the person meets one (1) of the following requirements:~~

21 ~~(1) As of January 1, 2000, the person was operating~~  
 22 ~~cardiopulmonary bypass systems during cardiac surgical cases in a licensed~~  
 23 ~~health care facility as the person's primary function and had been operating~~  
 24 ~~the system since January 1, 1998; or~~

25 ~~(2) The person has at least five (5) years' experience operating~~  
 26 ~~cardiopulmonary bypass systems during cardiac surgical cases in a licensed~~  
 27 ~~health care facility as the person's primary function since January 1, 1990.~~

28 ~~(b) Subject to the provisions of this chapter, a perfusionist member~~  
 29 ~~of the Perfusionists Advisory Committee is not required to be a licensed~~  
 30 ~~perfusionist if the member was appointed to the committee prior to January 1,~~  
 31 ~~2000. Within ninety (90) days after the board has issued its first license, a~~  
 32 ~~perfusionist member of the committee shall apply for a license.~~