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CHIROPRACTORS

148.01. CHIROPRACTIC.

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 148.01 to 148.10, "chiropractic" is defined as the science of adjusting any abnormal articulations of the human body, especially those of the spinal column, for the purpose of giving freedom of action to impinged nerves that may cause pain or deranged function.

Subd. 2. The practice of chiropractic is not the practice of medicine, surgery, or osteopathy.

Subd. 3. Chiropractic practice includes those noninvasive means of clinical, physical, and laboratory measures and analytical X-ray of the bones of the skeleton which are necessary to make a determination of the presence or absence of a chiropractic

tic condition. The practice of chiropractic may include procedures which are used to prepare the patient for chiropractic adjustment or to complement the chiropractic adjustment. The procedures may not be used as independent therapies or separately from chiropractic adjustment. No device which utilizes heat or sound shall be used in the treatment of a chiropractic condition unless it has been approved by the Federal Communications Commission. No device shall be used above the neck of the patient. Any chiropractor who utilizes procedures in violation of this subdivision shall be guilty of unprofessional conduct and subject to disciplinary procedures according to section 148.10.

History: (5725, 5731(c)) 1919 c 64 s 2,8; 1927 c 230; 1975 c 362 s 1; 1983 c 346 s 1

148.02 CHIROPRACTORS; STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

There is hereby created and established a board to be known by the name and style of state board of chiropractic examiners.

History: (5724) 1919 c 64 s 1

148.03 APPOINTMENT.

The governor shall appoint a board of chiropractic examiners consisting of two public members as defined by section 214.02 and five resident chiropractors who shall have practiced chiropractic in this state for at least three years immediately prior to the time of appointment, all of whom shall be graduates of a course of chiropractic, but no more than two of whom shall be graduates of the same school or college of chiropractic. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements shall be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations shall be as provided in chapter 214 and Laws 1976, chapter 222, sections 2 to 7. The board shall have the authority to prescribe rules relative to the examination of applicants for license to practice chiropractic and for the annual renewal of licenses. Vacancies caused by death or otherwise shall be filled by the governor within 60 days. No member of the board shall be financially interested in any chiropractic school or college or be in any way affiliated with the practice of other methods of healing as are now regulated by law in this state.

History: (5726) 1919 c 64 s 3; 1943 c 155 s 1; 1959 c 186 s 1; 1973 c 638 s 10; 1975 c 136 s 8; 1976 c 222 s 45; 1976 c 239 s 54

148.031 CONTINUING EDUCATION.

The board shall adopt rules requiring continuing education for chiropractors licensed under this chapter who regularly practice in the area of workers' compensation. These rules shall include rules relating to continuing education designed to assure the coordination of treatment, rehabilitation, and other chiropractic services provided to injured employees under chapter 176. Rules relative to education under chapter 176 shall be adopted jointly with the commissioner of labor and industry. These rules shall be consistent with section 214.12.

History: 1983 c 290 s 18

148.04 PROCEDURE.

The officers of the board of chiropractic examiners shall have power to administer oaths, summon witnesses, and take testimony as to matters pertaining to its duties. It shall adopt a minimum of educational requirements not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 148.01 to 148.10, which shall be without prejudice, partiality, or discrimination as to the different schools or colleges of chiropractic. The board shall meet at such times as the majority of the board may deem proper. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The secretary shall

keep a record of its proceedings. This report shall be prima facie evidence of all matters therein recorded.

History: (5727) 1919 c 64 s 4; 1967 c 149 s 1; 1973 c 638 s 11; 1975 c 136 s 9

148.05 LICENSE AND FEE.

At its first meeting the state board of chiropractic examiners shall issue to each member a license to practice chiropractic, for which the member shall pay a fee set by the board. The board shall have a common seal and promulgate rules to govern its actions.

History: (5728) 1919 c 64 s 5; 1976 c 222 s 46; 1986 c 444

148.06 APPLICATION; EXAMINATION; LICENSE; FEE.

Subdivision 1. **License required; qualifications.** No person shall practice chiropractic in this state without first being licensed by the state board of chiropractic examiners. The applicant shall have earned at least one-half of all academic credits required for awarding of a baccalaureate degree from the University of Minnesota, or other university, college or community college of equal standing, in subject matter determined by the board, and taken a four-year resident course of at least eight months each in a school or college of chiropractic that is fully accredited by the council on chiropractic education or fully accredited by an agency approved by the United States office of education or their successors. The board may recommend a two-year prechiropractic course of instruction to any university, college or community college which in its judgment would satisfy the academic prerequisite for licensure as established by this section.

An examination for a license shall be in writing and shall include testing in:

- (a) The basic sciences including but not limited to anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, pathology, hygiene, and chemistry as related to the human body or mind;
- (b) The clinical sciences including but not limited to the science and art of chiropractic, chiropractic physiotherapy, diagnosis, roentgenology and nutrition; and
- (c) Professional ethics and any other subjects that the board may deem advisable.

The board may consider a valid certificate of examination from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners as evidence of compliance with the written examination requirements of this subdivision. The applicant shall be required to give practical demonstration in vertebral palpation, nerve tracing, adjusting and any other subject that the board may deem advisable. A license, countersigned by the members of the board and authenticated by the seal thereof, shall be granted to each applicant who correctly answers 75 percent of the questions propounded in each of the subjects required by this subdivision and meets the standards of practical demonstration established by the board. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee set by the board. The fee shall not be returned in the event of failure to pass, but the applicant may, within one year, apply for examination without the payment of an additional fee. The board may grant a license to an applicant who holds a valid license to practice chiropractic issued by the appropriate licensing board of another state or country, provided the applicant meets the other requirements of this section and satisfactorily passes the practical examination before the board.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

History: (5729) 1919 c 64 s 6; 1927 c 230; 1959 c 186 s 2; 1967 c 706 s 1; 1974 c 564 s 1; 1976 c 222 s 47; 1977 c 193 s 1; 1983 c 346 s 2; 1986 c 444

148.07 RENEWAL FEES; EXPENSES.

Subdivision 1. **Renewal fees.** All persons practicing chiropractic within this state, or licensed so to do, shall pay, on or before the date of expiration of their licenses, to the board of chiropractic examiners a renewal fee set by the board, with a penalty set by the board for each month or portion thereof for which a license fee is in arrears and

upon payment of the renewal and upon compliance with all the rules of the board, shall be entitled to renewal of their license.

Subd. 2. Expenses. The expenses of administering sections 148.01 to 148.101 shall be paid from the appropriation made to the state board of chiropractic examiners. Expenditures and revenues must be managed in accordance with the statewide accounting principles and requirements of the commissioner of finance.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1975 c 136 s 77]

History: (5730) 1919 c 64 s 7; 1927 c 230 s 1; 1943 c 155 s 2; 1955 c 847 s 12; 1959 c 186 s 3; 1965 c 64 s 1; 1967 c 149 s 2; 1969 c 399 s 1; 1973 c 638 s 12,13; 1976 c 222 s 48; 1983 c 346 s 3

148.08 RULES.

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 2. How regulated. Chiropractors shall be subject to the same rules and regulations, both municipal and state, that govern other licensed doctors or physicians in the control of contagious and infectious diseases, and shall be entitled to sign health and death certificates, and to all rights and privileges of other doctors or physicians in all matters pertaining to the public health, except prescribing internal drugs or the practice of medicine, physical therapy, surgery and obstetrics.

Subd. 3. Rules. The board of chiropractic examiners shall promulgate rules necessary to administer sections 148.01 to 148.101 to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, including rules governing the practice of chiropractic and defining any terms, whether or not used in sections 148.01 to 148.101, if the definitions are not inconsistent with the provisions of sections 148.01 to 148.101.

History: (5731) 1919 c 64 s 8; 1927 c 230; 1975 c 362 s 2; 1983 c 346 s 4; 1985 c 248 s 70

148.10 LICENSES REVOKED; NEW LICENSES.

Subdivision 1. Grounds. The state board of chiropractic examiners may refuse to grant, or may revoke, suspend, condition, limit, restrict or qualify a license to practice chiropractic, or may cause the name of a person licensed to be removed from the records in the office of the court administrator of the district court for:

(1) the publishing or distributing, or causing to be published or distributed, in newspapers, magazines, directories, pamphlets, posters, cards, or in any other manner by advertisement, wherein the term "cure" or "guarantee to cure" or similar terms are used; which is hereby declared to be fraudulent and misleading to the general public;

(2) the employment of fraud or deception in applying for a license or in passing the examination provided for in section 148.06;

(3) the practice of chiropractic under a false or assumed name or the impersonation of another practitioner of like or different name;

(4) the conviction of a crime involving moral turpitude;

(5) habitual intemperance in the use of alcohol or drugs;

(6) failure to pay the annual renewal license fee;

(7) Advanced physical or mental disability;

(8) The revocation or suspension of a license to practice chiropractic; or other disciplinary action against the licensee; or the denial of an application for a license by the proper licensing authority of another state, territory or country;

(9) The violation of, or failure to comply with, the provisions of sections 148.01 to 148.101, the rules of the state board of chiropractic examiners, or a lawful order of the board;

(10) Unprofessional conduct; or

(11) Being unable to practice chiropractic with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, professional incompetence, senility, drunkenness, use of

drugs, narcotics, chemicals or any other type of material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition. If the board has probable cause to believe that a person comes within this clause, it shall direct the person to submit to a mental or physical examination. For the purpose of this clause, every person licensed under this chapter shall be deemed to have given consent to submit to a mental or physical examination when directed in writing by the board and further to have waived all objections to the admissibility of the examining physicians' testimony or examination reports on the ground that the same constitute a privileged communication. Failure of a person to submit to such examination when directed shall constitute an admission of the allegations, unless the failure was due to circumstances beyond the person's control, in which case a default and final order may be entered without the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. A person affected under this clause shall at reasonable intervals be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that the person can resume the competent practice of chiropractic with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

In any proceeding under this clause, neither the record of proceedings nor the orders entered by the board shall be used against a person in any other proceeding.

For the purposes of clause (4), conviction shall be deemed to include a criminal proceeding in which a finding or verdict of guilt is made or returned but the adjudication of guilt is either withheld or not entered.

For the purposes of clauses (4) and (5), a copy of the judgment or proceeding under seal of the administrator of the court or of the administrative agency which entered the same shall be admissible into evidence without further authentication and shall constitute prima facie evidence of its contents.

For the purposes of clause (10), unprofessional conduct means any unethical, deceptive or deleterious conduct or practice harmful to the public, any departure from or the failure to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable chiropractic practice, or a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare or safety of patients, in any of which cases proof of actual injury need not be established. Unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following acts of a chiropractor:

- (a) Gross ignorance of, or incompetence in, the practice of chiropractic;
- (b) Making suggestive, lewd, lascivious or improper advances to a patient;
- (c) Performing unnecessary services;
- (d) Charging a patient an unconscionable fee or charging for services not rendered;
- (e) Directly or indirectly engaging in threatening, dishonest, or misleading fee collection techniques;
- (f) Perpetrating fraud upon patients, third party payers, or others, relating to the practice of chiropractic; and
- (g) Any other act that the board by rule may define.

Subd. 2. Issuance following refusal, revocation or cancellation. The state board of chiropractic examiners may, at any time within two years of the refusal or revocation or cancellation of a license under this section, by a majority vote, issue a new license or grant a license to the person affected, restoring to, or conferring upon the person, all the rights and privileges of, and pertaining to, the practice of chiropractic, as defined and regulated by sections 148.01 to 148.10. Any person to whom such have been restored shall pay a fee set by the board upon issuance of a new license.

Subd. 3. Reprimand; penalties; probation. In addition to the other powers granted to the board under this chapter, the board may, in connection with any person whom the board, after a hearing, adjudges unqualified or whom the board, after a hearing, finds to have performed one or more of the acts described in subdivision 1:

- (a) Publicly reprimand or censure the person;
- (b) Place the person on probation for the period and upon the terms and conditions that the board may prescribe; and
- (c) Require payment of all costs of proceedings resulting in the disciplinary action.

Subd. 4. Temporary suspension. In addition to any other remedy provided by

law, the board may, without a hearing, temporarily suspend a license for not more than 60 days if the board finds that a person has violated a statute or rule which the board is empowered to enforce and continued practice by the person would create an imminent risk of harm to others. The suspension shall take effect upon written notice to the person, specifying the statute or rule violated. At the time it issues the suspension notice, the board shall schedule a disciplinary hearing to be held pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act. The person shall be provided with at least 20 days notice of any hearing held pursuant to this subdivision.

Subd. 5. Tax clearance certificate. (a) In addition to the grounds provided in subdivision 1, the board may not issue or renew a license to practice chiropractic if the commissioner of revenue notifies the board and the licensee or applicant for a license that the licensee or applicant owes the state delinquent taxes in the amount of \$500 or more. The board may issue or renew the license only if (1) the commissioner of revenue issues a tax clearance certificate and (2) the commissioner of revenue or the licensee or applicant forwards a copy of the clearance to the board. The commissioner of revenue may issue a clearance certificate only if the licensee or applicant does not owe the state any uncontested delinquent taxes.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have the meanings given.

(1) "Taxes" are all taxes payable to the commissioner of revenue, including penalties and interest due on those taxes.

(2) "Delinquent taxes" do not include a tax liability if (i) an administrative or court action that contests the amount or validity of the liability has been filed or served, (ii) the appeal period to contest the tax liability has not expired, or (iii) the licensee or applicant has entered into a payment agreement to pay the liability and is current with the payments.

(c) In lieu of the notice and hearing requirements of subdivisions 3 and 4, when a licensee or applicant is required to obtain a clearance certificate under this subdivision, a contested case hearing must be held if the licensee or applicant requests a hearing in writing to the commissioner of revenue within 30 days of the date of the notice provided in paragraph (a). The hearing must be held within 45 days of the date the commissioner of revenue refers the case to the office of administrative hearings. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the licensee or applicant must be served with 20 days' notice in writing specifying the time and place of the hearing and the allegations against the licensee or applicant. The notice may be served personally or by mail.

(d) The board shall require all licensees or applicants of a license to practice chiropractic to provide their social security number and Minnesota business identification number on all license applications. Upon request of the commissioner of revenue, the board must provide to the commissioner of revenue a list of all licensees and applicants for a license to practice chiropractic, including the name and address, social security number, and business identification number. The commissioner of revenue may request a list of the licensees and applicants no more than once each calendar year. Notwithstanding sections 290.61 and 297A.43, the commissioner of revenue may release information necessary to accomplish the purpose of this subdivision.

History: (5733) 1919 c 64 s 10; 1927 c 230; 1957 c 154 s 1; 1959 c 186 s 4; 1976 c 222 s 49; 1977 c 193 s 2,3; 1983 c 346 s 5-7; 1986 c 444; 1Sp1986 c 1 art 7 s 8; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 1 s 82

148.101 VIOLATION.

Any person who shall practice, or attempt to practice, chiropractic or who shall use any of the terms or letters "Doctors of Chiropractic," "Chiropractor," "D.C.," or any other title or letters under any circumstances as to lead the public to believe that the persons who so uses such terms is engaged in the practice of chiropractic, without having complied with the provisions of sections 148.01 to 148.10, shall be deemed guilty of a gross misdemeanor; and, upon conviction thereof, fined not less than \$50

nor more than \$100 or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than 30 days nor more than six months or punished by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. It shall be the duty of the county attorney of the county in which such person practices to prosecute. Nothing therein shall be considered as interfering with any person engaged in other methods of healing as are now regulated by law in the state of Minnesota.

History: (5732) 1919 c 64 s 9; 1927 c 230

- 148.11 [Repealed, 1963 c 45 s 12]
- 148.12 [Repealed, 1963 c 45 s 12]
- 148.13 [Repealed, 1963 c 45 s 12]
- 148.14 [Repealed, 1963 c 45 s 12]
- 148.15 [Repealed, 1963 c 45 s 12]
- 148.16 [Repealed, 1963 c 45 s 12]
- 148.17 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

REGISTERED NURSES

148.171 DEFINITIONS.

As used in sections 148.171 to 148.285:

- (1) The term "Board" shall mean Minnesota board of nursing.
- (2) The term "Registered Nurse" abbreviated R.N., shall mean a natural person licensed by the Minnesota board of nursing to practice professional nursing.
- (3) The practice of professional nursing means the performance for compensation or personal profit of the professional interpersonal service of: (a) providing a nursing assessment of the actual or potential health needs of individuals, families, or communities; (b) providing nursing care supportive to or restorative of life by functions such as skilled ministration of nursing care, supervising and teaching nursing personnel, health teaching and counseling, case finding and referral to other health resources; and (c) evaluating these actions.

The practice of professional nursing includes both independent nursing functions and delegated medical functions which may be performed in collaboration with other health team members, or may be delegated by the professional nurse to other nursing personnel. Independent nursing function may also be performed autonomously. The practice of professional nursing requires that level of special education, knowledge, and skill ordinarily expected of an individual who has completed an approved professional nursing education program as described in section 148.211, subdivision 1.

History: 1945 c 242 s 1; 1955 c 34 s 1; 1959 c 140 s 1; 1974 c 554 s 1

- 148.18 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.181 BOARD OF NURSING; MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENTS, VACANCIES, REMOVALS.

Subdivision 1. The board of nursing shall consist of 11 members appointed by the governor, each of whom shall be a resident of this state. Five members shall be registered nurses, each of whom shall have graduated from an approved school of nursing, shall be licensed as a registered nurse in this state, and shall have had at least five years experience in nursing practice, nursing administration, or nursing education immediately preceding appointment. Two of the five shall have had at least two years executive or teaching experience in professional nursing education during the five years immediately preceding appointment, and one of the five shall have had at least two years executive or teaching experience in practical nursing education during the five years immediately preceding appointment. Three members shall be licensed practical nurses each of whom shall have graduated from an approved school of nursing, shall

be licensed as a licensed practical nurse in this state, and shall have had at least five years experience in nursing practice immediately preceding appointment. The remaining three members shall be public members as defined by section 214.02. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements shall be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations shall be as provided in chapter 214 and Laws 1976, chapter 222, sections 2 to 7. Each member of the board shall file with the secretary of state the constitutional oath of office before beginning the term of office.

Subd. 2. On expiration of the term of a member who is a registered nurse, the governor may appoint a registered nurse from a list of members submitted by professional nursing groups. Likewise on expiration of the term of a member who is a licensed practical nurse, the governor may appoint a licensed practical nurse from a list of members submitted by licensed practical nursing groups. These lists should contain names of persons in number at least twice the number of places to be filled. Vacancies occurring on the board, when the member is a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse, may be filled for the unexpired terms by appointments to be made by the governor from nominations submitted by nursing groups in the manner aforesaid. Members shall hold office until a successor is appointed and qualified.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1975 c 136 s 77]

History: 1945 c 242 s 2; 1955 c 34 s 2; 1971 c 418 s 1; 1973 c 638 s 14; 1975 c 136 s 10; 1975 c 360 s 1,2; 1976 c 222 s 50; 1976 c 239 s 55; 1981 c 94 s 1; 1986 c 444

148.19 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.191 OFFICERS; RULES; EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

Subdivision 1. The board shall elect from its members a president, a vice-president and a secretary-treasurer who shall each serve for one year or until a successor is elected and qualifies. The board shall appoint and employ an executive secretary. A majority of the board, including one officer, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

Subd. 2. The board is authorized to adopt and, from time to time, revise rules not inconsistent with the law, as may be necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.299. The board shall prescribe by rule curricula and standards for schools and courses preparing persons for licensure under sections 148.171 to 148.299. It shall conduct or provide for surveys of such schools and courses at such times as it may deem necessary. It shall approve such schools and courses as meet the requirements of sections 148.171 to 148.299 and board rules. It shall examine, license and renew the license of duly qualified applicants. It shall hold examinations at least once in each year at such time and place as it may determine. It shall by rule adopt, evaluate and periodically revise, as necessary, requirements for licensure and for registration and renewal of registration as defined in section 148.231. It shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating sections 148.171 to 148.299 and have power to incur such necessary expense therefor. It shall keep a record of all its proceedings.

Subd. 3. The board may employ such persons as may be necessary to carry on its work.

History: 1945 c 242 s 3; 1955 c 847 s 13; 1975 c 136 s 12; 1975 c 240 s 1; 1975 c 360 s 3; 1976 c 222 s 51; 1983 c 260 s 36; 1986 c 444

148.20 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.201 [Repealed, 1975 c 136 s 77]

148.21 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.211 LICENSING.

Subdivision 1. An applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse shall apply to the board for license by examination on forms prescribed by the board and pay a fee in an amount determined by rule. An applicant applying for reexamination shall pay a fee in an amount determined by rule. In no case shall fees be refunded.

Before being scheduled for examination the applicant shall provide written evidence verified by oath that the applicant(a) is of good moral character, (b) is in good mental health, (c) meets secondary education requirements as determined by the board and other preliminary qualification requirements the board may prescribe by rule, and (d) either has completed a course of study in a professional nursing program approved by the board or is enrolled in the final term of study in such program. The board shall annually publish and distribute to secondary school counselors the requirements for licensure for practice in Minnesota.

The applicant shall be required to pass a written examination in the subjects the board may determine. Each written examination may be supplemented by an oral or practical examination. An applicant failing to pass any portion of the examination shall be deemed to have failed the examination and may apply for reexamination in the subjects or sections failed.

Refusal to supply information necessary to determine the qualifications of an applicant may result in denial of the application.

Upon submission by the applicant of an affidavit of graduation from an approved nursing program as well as proof that the applicant has passed the examination, paid the required fees and met all other requirements stated in this subdivision, the board shall issue a license to the applicant.

Subd. 2. The board may issue a license to practice professional nursing as a registered nurse without examination to an applicant who has been duly licensed or registered as a registered professional nurse under the laws of another state, territory or foreign country, if in the opinion of the board the applicant has the qualifications equivalent to the qualifications required in this state as stated in subdivision 1, all other laws not inconsistent with this section and rules promulgated by the board.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

History: 1945 c 242 s 5; 1955 c 34 s 4; 1961 c 56 s 1; 1967 c 68 s 1; 1969 c 53 s 1; 1975 c 360 s 4,5; 1976 c 222 s 52,53; 1981 c 94 s 2; 1986 c 444

148.22 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.221 PERSONS NOW HOLDING CERTIFICATE.

Any person holding a license or certificate of registration to practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by the board which is valid on the effective date of Laws 1945, chapter 242, shall be deemed to be licensed as a registered nurse under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285.

History: 1945 c 242 s 6

148.23 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.231 TASK FORCE; REGISTRATION; NONPRACTICING LIST.

Subdivision 1. **Registration.** Every person licensed to practice professional nursing must also maintain with the board, a current registration for practice as a registered nurse which must be renewed at regular intervals stipulated by the board by rule. Upon adoption by the board of rules establishing procedures and minimum requirements for successful completion of specified continuing education as hereinafter provided, no certificate of registration shall be issued by the board to a nurse until the nurse has submitted satisfactory evidence of compliance with the procedures and minimum requirements established by the board.

The fee for periodic registration for practice as a registered nurse shall be deter-

mined by the board by rule. A penalty fee shall be added for any application received after the required date as specified by the board by rule. Upon receipt of the application and the required fees, the board shall verify the application and the evidence of completion of continuing education requirements in effect, and thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of registration for the next renewal period.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1981 c 94 s 12]

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 4. **Failure to register.** Any person licensed under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285 who fails to reregister within the period hereinbefore provided shall not be entitled to practice nursing in this state as a registered nurse.

Subd. 5. **Reregistration.** When a person on desiring to resume practice the person shall make application for reregistration, and submit satisfactory evidence of compliance with the procedures and minimum requirements established by the board for continuing education, and pay the registration fee for the current period to the board. Thereupon, the registration certificate shall be issued to such applicant, and such person shall immediately be placed on the practicing list as a registered nurse.

Subd. 6. **Fee for license verification.** A person licensed under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285 who requests the board to verify a Minnesota license to another jurisdiction or to an agency, facility, school or institution shall pay a fee to the board for each verification.

History: 1945 c 242 s 7; 1947 c 286 s 1; 1955 c 34 s 5; 1961 c 8 s 2; 1967 c 68 s 2; 1969 c 53 s 2,3; 1971 c 131 s 1; 1975 c 240 s 2; 1975 c 360 s 6,7; 1976 c 149 s 30; 1981 c 94 s 3-6; 1986 c 444

148.24 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.241 EXPENSES.

Subdivision 1. The expenses of administering sections 148.171 to 148.299 shall be paid from the appropriation made to the Minnesota board of nursing.

Subd. 2. All amounts appropriated to the board shall be held subject to the order of the board to be used only for the purpose of meeting necessary expenses incurred in the performance of the purposes of sections 148.171 to 148.285, and the duties imposed thereby as well as the promotion of nursing education and standards of nursing care in this state.

History: 1945 c 242 s 8; 1955 c 34 s 3; 1973 c 638 s 16; 1976 c 222 s 54

148.25 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.251 SCHOOL OF NURSING.

Subdivision 1. An institution desiring to conduct a school of nursing shall apply to the board and submit evidence that:

(1) It is prepared to provide a program of theory and practice in nursing as prescribed in the curriculum adopted by the board. Such instruction and experience may be secured in one or more institutions or agencies approved by the board.

(2) It is prepared to meet other standards established by law and by the board.

Subd. 2. A survey of the institution or institutions with which the school is to be affiliated shall be made by a qualified representative of the board. Such representative shall submit a written report of the survey to the board. If the board determines that the requirements for an approved school of nursing are met, it shall designate the school as an approved school of nursing.

Subd. 3. From time to time as deemed necessary by the board, it shall be the duty of the board, through its representatives, to survey all schools of nursing in the state. Written reports of such surveys shall be submitted to the board by the representative. If the board determines that any approved school of nursing is not maintaining the

standards required by the statutes and by the board, notice thereof in writing specifying the defect or defects shall be given to the school. A school which fails to correct these conditions to the satisfaction of the board within a reasonable time shall be removed from the list of approved schools of nursing.

Subd. 4. Associate degree nursing programs approved or seeking to be approved by the board shall provide for advanced standing for licensed practical nurses in recognition of their nursing education and experience. The board shall adopt rules by July 1, 1982 to implement this section.

History: 1945 c 242 s 9; 1961 c 56 s 2; 1975 c 360 s 8; 1981 c 94 s 7

148.26 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.261 REVOCATION OF LICENSE.

Subdivision 1. The board shall have power to deny, suspend, revoke, or restrict the license and registration of any person to practice professional nursing pursuant to sections 148.171 to 148.285, or to otherwise discipline a licensee or applicant upon proof that the person:

- (1) Has employed fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice nursing as a registered nurse or annual registration for the practice of professional nursing;
- (2) Has been convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor;
- (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other causes;
- (4) Is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;
- (5) Has, in a professional capacity, exhibited behavior which creates an undue risk of harm to others;
- (6) Is guilty of unethical practice of nursing;
- (7) Has wilfully or repeatedly violated any of the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 3. Any registered nurse whose license or registration has been suspended, restricted or revoked, may have the license reinstated and a new registration issued when in the discretion of the board the action is warranted, provided that such nurse may be required by the board to pay 50 percent of the costs of the proceedings resulting in the suspension or revocation of the license or registration certificate and reinstatement of the license or renewal certificate, and in addition thereto, pay the fee for the current year's registration.

History: 1945 c 242 s 10; 1975 c 360 s 9; 1976 c 222 s 55; 1986 c 444

148.27 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.271 ALLOWABLE UNLICENSED PRACTICES.

The provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285 shall not prohibit:

- (1) The furnishing of nursing assistance in an emergency.
- (2) The practice of nursing by any legally qualified nurse of another state who is employed by the United States government or any bureau, division or agency thereof while in the discharge of official duties.
- (3) Under the direct supervision of a registered nurse, the practice of nursing by a graduate of a school of professional nursing approved by the board between the date of graduation and the date of notification to the graduate of the board action upon application for licensure hereunder, provided that the graduate will take the first examination for licensure hereunder following graduation given by the board and will be issued a permit by the board to engage in supervised practice of professional nursing while awaiting notification of the results of such examination. The board is authorized to issue permits to such graduates which shall permit the practice of professional

nursing under direct supervision from the date of graduation until the date that the board shall notify the graduates of the results of their applications for registration conditioned upon the graduates making prompt application for registration and taking the first examination given by the board which they are eligible to take following graduation. These permits shall not be renewable.

(4) The practice of any profession or occupation licensed by the state, other than professional nursing, by any person duly licensed to practice the profession or occupation, or the performance by a person of any acts properly coming within the scope of the profession, occupation or license.

(5) The performance of any act in the nursing care of the sick by a nurse's aide under the direction of a registered nurse.

(6) The practice of nursing by a person licensed as a professional nurse in another jurisdiction and qualified for licensure in the state of Minnesota pursuant to a temporary permit issued by the board of nursing which permit shall be issued by the board pursuant to rules as it may promulgate, for the period between the submission of a proper application for licensure by the person and the date of action upon the application by the board.

(7) The care of the sick, injured or infirm in a private home by any person who does not assume or represent to be a registered or professional nurse.

(8) Care of the sick with or without compensation when done in a nursing home covered by the provisions of section 144A.09, subdivision 1.

(9) The practice of nursing by a graduate of an approved professional nursing program in another jurisdiction provided the graduate has applied for licensure in the state of Minnesota by interstate endorsement and has written the first examination for licensure following graduation. Practice under this clause is allowable only under a temporary permit issued by the board which shall be issued pursuant to rules as the board may promulgate, and which shall be valid only for the period between submission of a proper application and completion of the examination by the person and the date of action upon the application by the board. The examination must be the same examination required of applicants for licensure by examination in Minnesota. The permit shall authorize the practice of nursing only under the direct supervision of a licensed professional nurse. The permit shall not be renewable.

History: 1945 c 242 s 11; 1959 c 140 s 2; 1975 c 360 s 10; 1977 c 256 s 1; 1981 c 94 s 8; 1986 c 444

148.272 NURSING PERSONNEL; RULES.

Nothing in sections 148.171 and 148.271 to 148.283, shall affect the requirements of nursing personnel in nursing homes or hospitals as set forth by rules of the state commissioner of health.

History: 1959 c 140 s 3; 1977 c 305 s 45; 1985 c 248 s 70

148.28 [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

148.281 VIOLATIONS.

Subdivision 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or association, to:

(1) Sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any nursing diploma, license or record, or aid or abet therein;

(2) Practice professional nursing under cover of any diploma, license, or record illegally or fraudulently obtained or signed or issued unlawfully or under fraudulent representation;

(3) Practice professional nursing unless duly licensed and currently registered to do so under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285;

(4) Use any abbreviation or other designation tending to imply licensure as a registered nurse unless duly registered and licensed so to practice professional nursing under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285;

(5) Practice professional nursing in a manner prohibited by the board in any restriction of a license or registration issued under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285;

(6) Practice professional nursing during the time a license or current registration issued under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285 shall be suspended or revoked;

(7) Conduct a school of nursing for the training of persons to become registered nurses or professional nurses unless the school or course has been approved by the board.

Subd. 1a. It shall be unlawful to operate any nongovernmental partnership, corporation or unincorporated association which is organized primarily to render professional nursing through its agents, unless the partnership, corporation or unincorporated association is registered pursuant to rules adopted by the board.

Subd. 2. Any person, corporation, or association violating any provisions of subdivision 1 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished according to law.

History: 1945 c 242 s 12,13; 1959 c 140 s 4; 1975 c 360 s 11; 1977 c 256 s 2; 1986 c 444

148.282 [Repealed, 1975 c 360 s 25]

148.283 UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING.

The practice of professional nursing by any person who has not been licensed to practice professional nursing under the provisions of sections 148.171 to 148.285, or whose license has been suspended or revoked, or has expired, is hereby declared to be inimical to the public health and welfare and to constitute a public nuisance. Upon complaint being made thereof by the board of nursing, or any prosecuting officer, and upon a proper showing of the facts, the district court of the county where such practice occurred may enjoin such acts and practice. Such injunction proceeding shall be in addition to, and not in lieu of, all other penalties and remedies provided by law.

History: 1959 c 140 s 6

148.285 . TRANSFER OF ASSETS.

All moneys, property, and property rights belonging to and under the control of the board of examiners, are hereby transferred and appropriated to the control and use of the board hereunder and the purpose provided herein.

History: 1945 c 242 s 14

GRANTS-IN-AID

148.286 NURSING GRANTS-IN-AID.

Subdivision 1. **Entitlement, use, amount.** The Minnesota board of nursing may award grants-in-aid to students attending a school of nursing in this state approved in accordance with the laws pertaining to registered nurses and licensed practical nurses. Such grants shall be awarded to those students who are residents of this state and who are in need of economic assistance in securing such nursing education, and shall be awarded on the basis of need and ability. These grants shall be used solely to defray tuition and other fees and expenses incidental to such nursing education. No student shall receive a grant of more than \$3,500. Two-thirds of the grant shall be available to the student in the first year of the course, and the remainder thereof shall be divided equally between the remaining years of the course, provided, however, that the practical nurse grant shall not exceed \$600 and shall be available to the student in the first year of the course.

Subd. 2. **Conditions of grant.** The recipient of any grant-in-aid provided for hereunder must agree to practice in the field of nursing for at least one year immediately after graduation in the state of Minnesota unless excused by the board.

Subd. 3. Allocation; annual amount available. Not less than one-third of the amount available for grants in each fiscal year shall be awarded for grants in approved schools, located in counties with a population of not exceeding 100,000 persons respectively. Provided, however, that at the end of six months of each fiscal year any amount remaining unallocated may be awarded for grants in any approved school in the state of Minnesota. Except for amounts that may be necessary to pay any grants which have been awarded and not completed or terminated, any unexpended balance of the appropriated sums shall revert to the state treasury at the close of the said fiscal years. Of the amounts appropriated, not more than \$6,000 thereof shall be used for administration in each of the fiscal years.

History: 1961 c 446 s 1; 1961 c 567 s 2; 1965 c 106 s 1,2; 1971 c 303 s 1; 1975 c 360 s 12,13; 1986 c 444

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES

148.29 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. For the purposes of sections 148.29 to 148.297, the terms defined in this section have the meanings ascribed to them.

Subd. 2. "Board" means the board of nursing.

Subd. 3. "Licensed Practical Nurse," abbreviated L.P.N., means a person licensed by the board to practice practical nursing.

Subd. 4. Practical nursing shall mean the performance for compensation of any of those services in observing and caring for the ill, injured, or infirm, in applying counsel and procedure to safeguard life and health, in administering treatment prescribed by a licensed health professional, or treatment and medication prescribed by a licensed doctor of medicine, osteopathy, or dentistry, or a licensed podiatrist, which are commonly performed by licensed practical nurses and which require specialized knowledge and skill such as are taught or acquired in an approved school of practical nursing, but which do not require the specialized education, knowledge and skill of a registered nurse. This shall not be construed to prevent the care of any ill, injured or infirm person by any family member or friend, or the care by any person employed primarily as a companion, housekeeper, domestic servant, child-care provider or home health aide.

History: 1947 c 407 s 1; 1955 c 617 s 1; 1971 c 418 s 2,3; 1973 c 638 s 17; 1975 c 136 s 14; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1975 c 360 s 14; 1976 c 222 s 56; 1986 c 444

148.291 EXAMINATION; LICENSING.

Subdivision 1. **Qualifications.** An applicant for a license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse shall apply to the board for examination on forms provided by the board and pay a fee in an amount determined by rule. An applicant applying for reexamination shall pay a fee in an amount determined by rule. In no case shall fees be refunded.

Before being scheduled for examination the applicant shall provide written evidence, verified by oath that the applicant(a) is of good moral character, (b) is in good mental health, (c) meets secondary education requirements as determined by the board and any other preliminary qualification requirements the board may prescribe by rule, and (d) either has completed an approved course for the training of licensed practical nurses or is enrolled in the final term of study in such program. The board shall annually publish and distribute to secondary counselors the requirements for licensure for practice in Minnesota.

Refusal to supply information necessary to determine the qualifications of an applicant may result in denial of the application.

Upon submission by the applicant of an affidavit of graduation from an approved nursing program as well as proof that the applicant has passed the examination, paid the required fees and met all other requirements stated in this subdivision, the board shall issue a license to such applicant.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 3. **License without examination.** The board may issue a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse without examination to an applicant who has been duly licensed or registered as a licensed practical nurse or a person entitled to perform similar services under a different title, under the laws of another state, territory or foreign country if in the opinion of the board the applicant has qualifications equivalent to the qualifications required in this state as stated in subdivision 1, all other laws not inconsistent with this section and rules promulgated by the board. A person who has been licensed as a licensed practical nurse in another state, who has passed a licensing examination acceptable to the board and who has had 24 months of experience as a licensed practical nurse in the five years prior to applying for a license shall not be required to meet any additional educational requirements.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1975 c 360 s 25]

History: 1947 c 407 s 2; 1955 c 617 s 2; 1965 c 496 s 1; 1967 c 68 s 3; 1969 c 53 s 4; 1971 c 418 s 4,5; 1975 c 360 s 15,16; 1976 c 222 s 57,58; 1978 c 564 s 1; 1981 c 94 s 9; 1986 c 444

148.292 APPROVED PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Approved school.** The board shall by rule set minimum standards for schools and courses preparing persons for licensing pursuant to sections 148.29 to 148.297 and 148.299, and cause the same to be written and filed with the executive director of the board. It may by rule amend said requirements pursuant to sections 148.29 to 148.297 and 148.299 from time to time and any such amendment shall also be written and filed with the executive director of the board. It shall conduct or provide for surveys of such schools and courses at such time as it may deem necessary. It shall approve such schools as in the opinion of the board, meet the requirements of this law and board rules. It shall evaluate and approve courses for affiliations. If at any time, the board determines that any approved school is not maintaining the standards required by this law and by the board, notice thereof in writing specifying the defect or defects shall be given to the school. A school which fails to correct these conditions to the satisfaction of the board within a reasonable time shall be removed from the list of approved schools.

Subd. 2. **New school.** An institution desiring to initiate a school to prepare persons for licensing pursuant to sections 148.29 to 148.297 and 148.299 shall apply to the board and submit evidence that it is prepared to meet the standards established by this law and by the board. Upon satisfactory proof that adequate preparation has been made to comply with the standards established by this law and by the board, the board shall approve the establishment of the school.

History: 1947 c 407 s 3; 1955 c 617 s 3; 1965 c 496 s 2; 1975 c 360 s 17

148.293 VIOLATIONS, EXEMPTIONS.

Subdivision 1. It is unlawful for any person, corporation, or association to:

(1) Conduct a school of nursing for the training of persons to become licensed practical nurses unless the school is approved by the board.

(2) Use in connection with the person's name the words practical nurse, licensed practical nurse, or the letters "PN," "LPN," or any designation tending to imply that the person is a practical nurse, or licensed practical nurse unless such person is licensed by the board.

(3) Practice practical nursing unless duly licensed and currently registered to do so under the provisions of sections 148.29 to 148.297 and 148.299.

(4) Sell or fraudulently obtain or furnish any nursing diploma, license or record, or aid or abet therein.

(5) Practice practical nursing under cover of any diploma, license or record

illegally or fraudulently obtained or signed or issued unlawfully or under fraudulent representation.

(6) Practice practical nursing in a manner prohibited by the board in any restriction of a license or registration issued under the provisions of sections 148.29 to 148.297 and 148.299.

(7) Practice practical nursing during the time a license or current registration issued under the provisions of sections 148.29 to 148.297 and 148.299 shall be suspended or revoked.

Subd. 2. Any person, corporation, or association violating any provisions of subdivision 1 is guilty of a misdemeanor.

History: 1947 c 407 s 4; 1955 c 617 s 4; 1965 c 496 s 3; 1971 c 418 s 6; 1975 c 360 s 18; 1986 c 444

148.294 REGISTRATION; FEE FOR LICENSE VERIFICATION.

Subdivision 1. **Current registration.** Every person licensed to practice practical nursing must also maintain with the board a current registration for practice as a licensed practical nurse which must be renewed at regular intervals stipulated by the board by rule.

The fee for periodic registration for practice as a licensed practical nurse shall be determined by the board by rule. A penalty fee shall be added for any application received after the required date as specified by the board by rule. Upon receipt of the application and the required fees, the board shall verify the application and thereupon issue to the applicant a certificate of registration for the next renewal period.

Subd. 2. **Failure to reregister.** Any person licensed under the provisions of sections 148.291 to 148.299 who fails to reregister within the period hereinbefore provided shall not be entitled to practice nursing in this state as a licensed practical nurse.

Subd. 3. **Reregistration.** When a person desires to resume practice that person shall make application for reregistration and pay the registration fee for the current period to the board, and the registration certificate shall be issued to the applicant, and the person shall immediately be placed on the practicing list as a licensed practical nurse.

Subd. 4. **Fee for license verification.** A person licensed under the provisions of sections 148.29 to 148.299 who requests the board to verify a Minnesota license to another jurisdiction or to an agency, facility, school or institution shall pay a fee to the board for each verification.

History: 1947 c 407 s 5; 1955 c 617 s 5; 1961 c 177 s 1; 1967 c 68 s 4; 1969 c 53 s 5,6; 1971 c 131 s 2; 1975 c 360 s 19,20; 1981 c 94 s 10; 1986 c 444

148.295 MS 1953 [Renumbered 120.44]

148.295 ALLOWABLE UNLICENSED PRACTICES.

The provisions of sections 148.29 to 148.297 shall not prohibit:

(1) The practice of practical nursing by any legally qualified licensed practical nurse of another state who is employed by the United States government or any bureau, division or agency thereof while in the discharge of official duties;

(2) Under the direct supervision of a registered nurse, the practice of practical nursing by a graduate of a school of practical nursing approved by the board between the date of graduation and the date of notification to the graduate of the board action upon application for licensure hereunder, provided that the graduate will take the first licensure examination following graduation and will be issued a permit by the board to engage in supervised practice. The permits shall not be renewable;

(3) The practice of practical nursing by a graduate of an approved practical nursing program in another jurisdiction provided the graduate has applied for licensure

in the state of Minnesota by interstate endorsement and has written the first examination for licensure following graduation. Practice under this clause is allowable only under a temporary permit issued by the board which shall be issued pursuant to rules as the board may promulgate, and which shall be valid only for the period between submission of a proper application and completion of the examination by the person and the date of action upon the application by the board. The examination must be the same examination required of applicants for licensure by examination in Minnesota. The permit shall authorize the practice of nursing only under the direct supervision of a licensed professional nurse. The permit shall not be renewable; or

(4) The practice of practical nursing by a person licensed as a licensed practical nurse in another jurisdiction and qualified for licensure in the state of Minnesota. Practice under this clause is allowable only under a temporary permit issued by the board which shall be issued by the board pursuant to rules as the board may promulgate, and which shall be valid only for the period between the submission of a proper application for licensure by the person and the date of action upon the application by the board.

History: 1975 c 360 s 21; 1981 c 94 s 11; 1986 c 444

148.296 BOARD; RULES.

Subdivision 1. The board is authorized to adopt rules as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of sections 148.29 to 148.297 and 148.299. It has power to issue subpoenas, and to compel the attendance of witnesses, and to administer oaths. It shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating sections 148.29 to 148.294 and 148.299.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1975 c 136 s 77]

History: 1955 c 617 s 6; 1961 c 177 s 2; 1973 c 638 s 18; 1975 c 360 s 22

148.297 REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF LICENSE.

Subdivision 1. The board shall have power pursuant to procedures specified in the administrative procedure act, unless otherwise permitted in this section, to deny, revoke, restrict or suspend the license and registration of any person to practice practical nursing issued by the board or applied for in accordance with the provisions of sections 148.29 to 148.294, or to otherwise discipline a licensee or applicant upon proof that the person:

- (1) Has employed fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license or annual registration for the practice of practical nursing;
- (2) Has been convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor;
- (3) Is unfit or incompetent by reason of negligence, habits or other causes;
- (4) Is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;
- (5) Has, in an occupational capacity, exhibited behavior which creates an undue risk of harm to others;
- (6) Is guilty of unethical practice of practical nursing;
- (7) Has willfully or repeatedly violated any of the provisions of sections 148.29 to 148.294.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 3. Any practical nurse whose license or registration has been suspended, restricted or revoked may have the license reinstated and a new registration issued when in the discretion of the board such action is warranted. The nurse may be required by the board to pay 50 percent of the costs of the proceedings resulting in the suspension or revocation of the license or registration certificate and reinstatement of the license or renewal certificate, and the fee for the current year's registration.

History: 1955 c 617 s 7; 1975 c 360 s 23; 1986 c 444

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148.298 DISPOSITION OF FEES.

All fees charged and collected by the board shall be deposited in the general fund. The cost of administering sections 148.29 to 148.298 shall be paid from appropriations made to the board of nursing.

History: 1975 c 136 s 15

148.299 UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF PRACTICAL NURSING.

The practice of practical nursing by a person who has not been licensed to practice practical nursing under the provisions of sections 148.29 to 148.299, or whose license or registration certificate has been denied, suspended or revoked, or has expired is declared to be inimical to the public health and welfare and to constitute a public nuisance.

History: 1975 c 360 s 24; 1976 c 222 s 59

MIDWIVES

148.30 MIDWIFERY.

Within the meaning of sections 148.30 to 148.32, a person who shall publicly profess to be a midwife or who, for a fee, shall attend to women in childbirth, shall be regarded as practicing midwifery. Nothing in sections 148.30 to 148.32 shall apply to gratuitous emergency services or to authorized medical practitioners.

History: (5721) RL s 2301

148.31 LICENSES.

A person desiring to practice midwifery in this state, if not already authorized so to do, shall apply to the state board of medical examiners for a license. This license shall be granted upon the production of a diploma from a school of midwifery recognized by the board or, after examination of the applicant, upon the consent of seven members thereof. Examinations shall be held concurrently with those provided for applicants for physicians' licenses. The fee for a license granted on diploma shall be \$1, and on examination, \$2.

History: (5722) RL s 2302

148.32 LICENSES; DENIAL, REVOCATION, REFUSAL.

All licenses to practice midwifery heretofore or hereafter issued by the board of medical examiners must be renewed and a fee paid for each renewal as set by the board. Licenses may be revoked, suspended, conditioned, limited, qualified or restricted, or renewals refused by the board for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, or neglect to make proper returns to health officers of births, deaths, puerperal fever, and other contagious diseases.

A license to practice midwifery is suspended if (1) a guardian of the person of a licensee is appointed by order of a probate court pursuant to sections 525.54 to 525.612, for reasons other than the minority of the licensee; or (2) the licensee is committed by order of a probate court pursuant to 253B or sections 526.09 to 526.11. The license remains suspended until the licensee is restored to capacity by a court and, upon petition by the licensee, the suspension is terminated by the board after a hearing.

History: (5723) RL s 2303; 1967 c 118 s 1; 1969 c 927 s 5; 1976 c 222 s 60; 1982 c 581 s 24

148.33 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]

148.34 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]

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- 148.37 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]
- 148.38 [Repealed, 1967 c 845 s 14]
- 148.39 [Repealed, 1967 c 845 s 14]
- 148.40 [Repealed, 1967 c 845 s 14]
- 148.41 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]
- 148.42 [Repealed, 1967 c 845 s 14]
- 148.43 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]
- 148.44 [Repealed, 1967 c 845 s 14]
- 148.45 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]
- 148.46 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]
- 148.47 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4; 1974 c 224 s 6]
- 148.48 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]
- 148.51 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]
- 148.511 [Repealed, 1974 c 62 s 4]

OPTOMETRISTS

148.52 BOARD OF OPTOMETRY.

The board of optometry shall consist of two public members as defined by section 214.02 and five qualified optometrists appointed by the governor. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements shall be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09.

The provision of staff, administrative services and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations shall be as provided in chapter 214 and Laws 1976, chapter 222, sections 2 to 7.

History: (5785) 1915 c 127 s 1; 1925 c 239 s 1; 1929 c 420 s 1; 1973 c 62 s 1; 1973 c 638 s 20; 1975 c 136 s 16; 1976 c 222 s 61; 1976 c 239 s 56

148.53 POWERS OF BOARD.

The state board of optometry shall have the power to make any rules and to do any and all things not inconsistent with law which it may deem necessary or expedient for the effective enforcement of sections 148.52 to 148.62 or for the full and efficient performance of its duties thereunder.

History: (5786) 1915 c 127 s 2; 1925 c 239 s 2; 1929 c 420 s 2; 1985 c 248 s 70

148.54 BOARD; SEAL.

The board of optometry shall elect from among its members a president and may adopt a seal.

History: (5787) 1915 c 127 s 3; 1925 c 239 s 3; 1949 c 267 s 1; 1975 c 136 s 17; 1976 c 222 s 62

148.55 [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

148.56 OPTOMETRISTS.

Subdivision 1. **Optometry defined.** Any person shall be deemed to be practicing optometry within the meaning of sections 148.52 to 148.62 who shall display a sign, such as an eye, a pair of eyes, a pair of glasses or spectacles, or who shall in any way advertise as an optometrist, or who shall employ any means for the measurement of the powers of vision or the adaptation of lenses or prisms for the aid thereof, or possess testing appliances for the purpose of the measurement of the powers of vision, or diagnose any optical deficiency or deformity, visual or muscular anomaly of the human

eye, or prescribe lenses, prisms, or ocular exercises for the correction or the relief of same, or who holds oneself out as being able to do so.

Subd. 2. Unlawful practices. It shall be unlawful for any person who is not licensed as an optometrist in this state to fit, sell, or dispose of, or to take, receive, or solicit any order for the fitting, sale, or disposition of, any spectacles, eye glasses, or lenses for the correction of vision in any place within the state other than an established place of business wherein such spectacles, eye glasses, or lenses are commonly sold and dealt in; and it shall be unlawful for any person, not licensed as an optometrist thereunder, to sell or dispose of, at retail, any spectacles, eye glasses, or lenses for the correction of vision in any established place of business or elsewhere in this state except under the supervision, direction, and authority of a duly licensed optometrist holding a certificate under sections 148.52 to 148.62, who shall be in charge of and in personal attendance at the booth, counter, or place where such articles are sold or disposed of.

Subd. 3. Unregulated sales. Nothing in sections 148.52 to 148.62 shall be construed to apply to the sale of toy glasses, goggles consisting of plano-white or plano-colored lenses or ordinary colored glasses or to the replacement of duplications of broken lenses, nor to sales upon prescription from persons legally authorized by the laws of this state to examine eyes and prescribe glasses therefor, nor shall it apply to regularly licensed physicians and surgeons. Sections 148.52 to 148.62 also do not apply to the sale of spectacles, used for reading or fishing, and containing only simple lenses having a plus power of up to and including 3.25, at an established place of business that sells prescription eyewear, without advertising other than price marking on the spectacles, if no attempt is made to test the eyes. The term "simple lenses" does not include bifocals.

Subd. 4. License required. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the practice of optometry without first procuring and filing for record a certificate of registration as a licensed optometrist pursuant to this section.

History: (5789) 1915 c 127 s 5; 1925 c 239 s 5; 1929 c 420 s 3; 1983 c 301 s 146; 1986 c 444

148.57 LICENSE.

Subdivision 1. Examination. A person not authorized to practice optometry in the state and desiring to do so shall apply to the director of the state board of optometry for examination and pay to the board a fee in an amount set by the board. The candidate desiring to apply for examination by the board shall complete a form furnished by the board and shall file the same with the secretary of the board at least two weeks prior to the date of the examination. With the submission of the application form, the candidate shall prove that the candidate (a) is of good moral character, and (b) is a graduate of an optometry school requiring at least two academic years of preprofessional training for admittance to such school and which has been approved by the board, or is currently enrolled in the final year of study at such a school. The examination shall include both a written test and a practical demonstration and shall thoroughly test the fitness of the candidate to practice in this state. In regard to the written examination, the board (a) may prepare, administer, and grade the examination itself or (b) may recognize and approve in whole or in part a similar examination prepared, administered and graded by the national board of examiners in optometry or (c) may administer a recognized and approved examination prepared and graded by or under the direction of the national board of examiners in optometry. The board shall issue a license to each applicant who satisfactorily passes the examination and fulfills the other requirements stated in this section. The applicant shall pay to the board a fee as set by the board upon issuance of the license. In the event the candidate fails to pass a part of the examination, upon the payment of an additional fee as set by the board, the candidate may retake the examination at the time the board next schedules such examinations. The fees mentioned in this section are for the use of the board and in no case shall be refunded.

Subd. 2. Reciprocity. A person who holds a certificate of registration, or license,

from another state, and who has practiced not less than three years in that state, may apply for licensure in Minnesota by filling out and swearing to an application for license by reciprocity form furnished by the board and by filing that form with the board secretary along with a fee as set by the board at least two weeks prior to the regular meeting at which the board is considering such applications. The application fee as set by the board shall be for the use of the board and in no case shall be refunded. To verify that the applicant possesses the knowledge and ability essential to the practice of optometry in this state, the board may for good cause request the applicant to perform a practical demonstration to its satisfaction. The applicant may then be issued a license if the requirements for registration or licensure in the other state are deemed by the board to be equivalent to those of sections 148.52 to 148.62; provided, that the other state accords like privileges to holders of certificates from the Minnesota board.

Subd. 3. Revocation, suspension. The board may revoke the license or suspend the right to practice of any person who has been convicted of any violation of sections 148.52 to 148.62 or of any other criminal offense, or who violates any provision of sections 148.571 to 148.574 or who is found by the board to be incompetent or guilty of unprofessional conduct. "Unprofessional conduct" means any conduct of a character likely to deceive or defraud the public, including, among other things, free examination advertising, the loaning of a license by any licensed optometrist to any person; the employment of "cappers" or "steerers" to obtain business; splitting or dividing a fee with any person; the obtaining of any fee or compensation by fraud or misrepresentation; employing directly or indirectly any suspended or unlicensed optometrist to perform any work covered by sections 148.52 to 148.62; the advertising by any means of optometric practice or treatment or advice in which untruthful, improbable, misleading, or impossible statements are made. After one year, upon application and proof that the disqualification has ceased, the board may reinstate such person.

Subd. 4. Peddling or canvassing forbidden. Every licensed optometrist who shall temporarily practice optometry outside or away from the regular registered place of business shall display the license and deliver to each customer or person there fitted or supplied with glasses a receipt or record which shall contain the signature, permanent registered place of business or post office address, and number of license of the optometrist, together with the amount charged therefor, but nothing contained in this section shall be construed as to permit peddling or canvassing by licensed optometrists.

History: (5790) 1915 c 127 s 6; 1925 c 239 s 6; 1929 c 420 s 4; 1949 c 267 s 3; 1967 c 381 s 2; 1973 c 62 s 2-4; 1976 c 222 s 63; 1978 c 516 s 1; 1982 c 388 s 5; 1985 c 247 s 24; 1986 c 444

148.571 USE OF TOPICAL OCULAR DRUGS.

Subdivision 1. Authority. Subject to the provisions of sections 148.57, subdivision 3, and 148.571 to 148.574, licensed optometrists may administer topical ocular drugs to the anterior segment of the human eye during an eye examination in the course of practice in their normal practice setting, solely for the purposes of determining the refractive, muscular, or functional origin of sources of visual discomfort or difficulty, and detecting abnormalities which may be evidence of disease.

Subd. 2. Drugs specified. For purposes of sections 148.57, subdivision 3, and 148.571 to 148.574, "topical ocular drugs" means:

(1) commercially prepared topical anesthetics as follows: proparacaine HCl 0.5 percent, tetracaine HCl 0.5 percent, and benoxinate HCl 0.4 percent;

(2) commercially prepared mydriatics as follows: phenylephrine HCl in strength not greater than 2.5 percent and hydroxyamphetamine HBr in strength not greater than 1 percent; and

(3) commercially prepared cycloplegics/mydriatics as follows: tropicamide in strength not greater than 1 percent and cyclopentolate in strength not greater than 1 percent.

History: 1982 c 388 s 1; 1986 c 444

148.572 ADVICE TO SEEK DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT.

Whether or not topical ocular drugs have been used, if any licensed optometrist is informed by a patient or determines from examining a patient, using judgment and that degree of skill, care, knowledge and attention ordinarily possessed and exercised by optometrists in good standing under like circumstances, that there are present in that patient signs or symptoms which may be evidence of disease, then the licensed optometrist shall (1) promptly advise that patient to seek evaluation by an appropriate licensed physician for diagnosis and possible treatment and (2) not attempt to treat such condition by the use of drugs or any other means.

History: 1982 c 388 s 2

148.573 PREREQUISITES TO DRUG USE.

Subdivision 1. Certificate required. A licensed optometrist shall not purchase, possess or administer any topical ocular drugs unless, after August 1, 1982, the optometrist has obtained a certificate from the board of optometry certifying that the optometrist has complied with the following requirements:

(a) Successful completion of 60 classroom hours of study in general and clinical pharmacology as it relates to the practice of optometry, with particular emphasis on the use of topical ocular drugs for examination purposes. At least 30 of the 60 classroom hours shall be in ocular pharmacology and shall emphasize the systemic effects of and reactions to topical ocular drugs, including the emergency management and referral of any adverse reactions that may occur. The course of study shall be approved by the board of optometry, and shall be offered by an institution which is accredited by a regional or professional accreditation organization recognized or approved by the Council on Post-secondary Education or the United States Department of Education or their successors. The course shall be completed prior to entering the examination required by this section;

(b) Successful completion of an examination approved by the board of optometry on the subject of general and ocular pharmacology as it relates to optometry with particular emphasis on the use of topical ocular drugs, including emergency management and referral of any adverse reactions that may occur;

(c) Successful completion, after August 1, 1982, of a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation offered or approved by the Red Cross, American Heart Association, an accredited hospital, or a comparable organization or institution; and

(d) Establishment, after August 1, 1982, of an emergency plan for the management and referral to appropriate medical services of patients who may experience adverse drug reactions resulting from the application of topical ocular drugs. The plan must be approved by the board of optometry and shall, at least, require the optometrist to:

(1) Refer patients who notify the optometrist of an adverse drug reaction to appropriate medical specialists or facilities;

(2) Routinely advise the patient to immediately contact the optometrist if the patient experiences an adverse reaction;

(3) Place in the patient's permanent record information describing any adverse drug reaction experienced by the patient, and the date and time that any referral was made; and

(4) Include in the plan the names of at least three physicians, physician clinics, or hospitals to whom the optometrist will refer patients who experience an adverse drug reaction. At least one of these physicians shall be skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the eye.

Subd. 2. Exception. The course and examination required by clauses (a) and (b) of subdivision 1 shall be completed after August 1, 1982 except that the board of optometry may certify applicants who have graduated from an accredited school of optometry within two years prior to August 1, 1982 if the school's curriculum includes a course and examination meeting the requirements of clauses (a) and (b) of subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. **Consultation required.** Approvals of the course, examination and emergency plan required by clauses (a), (b) and (d) of subdivision 1 shall be given by the board of optometry only after consultation with the board of medical examiners and board of pharmacy, provided that the recommendations of the board of medical examiners and board of pharmacy are made within 120 days after they are requested by the board of optometry.

History: 1982 c 388 s 3

148.574 PROHIBITIONS RELATING TO LEGEND DRUGS; AUTHORIZING SALES BY PHARMACISTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

An optometrist shall not purchase, possess, administer, prescribe or give any legend drug as defined in section 151.01 to any person except as is expressly authorized by sections 148.571 to 148.573. Nothing in chapter 151 shall prevent a pharmacist from selling topical ocular drugs to an optometrist authorized to use such drugs pursuant to sections 148.571 to 148.573.

History: 1982 c 388 s 4

148.58 [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

148.59 LICENSE RENEWAL; FEE.

A licensed optometrist shall pay to the state board of optometry a fee as set by the board in order to renew a license as provided by board rule.

History: (5792) 1915 c 127 s 8; 1925 c 239 s 8; 1949 c 267 s 4; 1959 c 378 s 1; 1967 c 381 s 4; 1973 c 62 s 6; 1976 c 222 s 64; 1986 c 444

148.60 EXPENSES.

The expenses of administering sections 148.52 to 148.62 shall be paid from appropriations made to the board of optometry.

History: (5793) 1915 c 127 s 9; 1925 c 239 s 9; 1955 c 847 s 14; 1973 c 638 s 21; 1975 c 136 s 19; 1976 c 222 s 65

148.61 PENALTY.

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1945 c 242 s 14]

Subd. 2. [Renumbered 148.511, subd 1]

Subd. 3. [Renumbered 148.101]

Subd. 4. [Renumbered 148.511, subd 2]

Subd. 5. Every person who shall violate any of the provisions of sections 148.52 to 148.62 shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

History: (5794) 1915 c 127 s 10; 1925 c 239 s 10

148.62 APPLICATION.

Sections 148.52 to 148.62 shall not be construed as forbidding any person licensed to practice any profession in this state from engaging in such profession as it may now be defined by law.

History: (5796-1) 1925 c 239 s 13

PHYSICAL THERAPY

148.65 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Physical therapy.** As used in sections 148.65 to 148.78 the term "physical therapy" means the evaluation or treatment or both of any person by the employment of physical measures and the use of therapeutic exercises and rehabilitative procedures, with or without assistive devices, for the purpose of preventing,

correcting, or alleviating a physical or mental disability. Physical measures shall include but shall not be limited to heat or cold, air, light, water, electricity and sound. Physical therapy includes evaluation other than medical diagnosis, treatment planning, treatment, documentation, performance of appropriate tests and measurement, interpretation of orders or referrals, instruction, consultative services, and supervision of supportive personnel. "Physical therapy" does not include the practice of medicine as defined in section 147.10, or the practice of chiropractic as defined in section 148.01.

Subd. 2. **Physical therapist.** "Physical therapist" means a person who practices physical therapy as defined in sections 148.65 to 148.78.

History: 1951 c 479 s 1; 1980 c 412 s 1; 1985 c 182 s 1

148.66 STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, DUTIES.

The state board of medical examiners, as now or hereafter constituted, hereinafter termed "the board," in the manner hereinafter provided, shall administer the provisions of this law.

History: 1951 c 479 s 2

148.67 PHYSICAL THERAPY COUNCIL.

The board of medical examiners shall appoint a physical therapy council in carrying out the provisions of this law, regarding the qualifications and examination of physical therapists. The council shall consist of seven members, citizens and residents of the state of Minnesota, composed of three physical therapists, two licensed and registered doctors of medicine and surgery, one being a professor or associate or assistant professor from a program in physical therapy approved by the board of medical examiners, one aide or assistant to a physical therapist and one public member. The council shall expire, and the terms, compensation and removal of members shall be as provided in section 15.059.

History: 1951 c 479 s 3; 1975 c 136 s 20; 1976 c 222 s 66; 1976 c 239 s 71; 1980 c 412 s 2

148.68 [Repealed, 1975 c 136 s 77]

148.69 [Repealed, 1975 c 136 s 77]

148.70 APPLICANTS, QUALIFICATIONS.

It shall be the duty of the board of medical examiners with the advice and assistance of the physical therapy council to pass upon the qualifications of applicants for registration, provide for and conduct all examinations following satisfactory completion of all didactic requirements, determine the applicants who successfully pass the examination, and duly register such applicants after the applicant has presented evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant has completed a program of education approved by the board.

History: 1951 c 479 s 6; 1973 c 725 s 17; 1975 c 136 s 21; 1980 c 412 s 3; 1986 c 444

148.705 APPLICATION.

An applicant for registration as a physical therapist shall file a written application on forms provided by the board together with a fee in the amount set by the board, no portion of which shall be returned.

An approved program for physical therapists shall include the following:

(a) A minimum of 60 academic semester credits or its equivalent from an accredited college, including courses in the biological and physical sciences;

(b) An accredited course in physical therapy education which has provided adequate instruction in the basic sciences, clinical sciences, and physical therapy theory and procedures, as determined by the board. In determining whether or not a course in physical therapy is approved, the board may take into consideration the accredita-

tion of such schools by the appropriate council of the American Medical Association, the American Physical Therapy Association, or the Canadian Medical Association.

History: 1980 c 412 s 4

148.706 SUPERVISION OF ASSISTANTS AND AIDES.

Every physical therapist who uses the services of an assistant or aide for the purpose of assisting in the practice of physical therapy is responsible for functions performed by the assistant or aide while engaged in such assistance. The physical therapist shall permit the assistant or aide to perform only those functions which the therapist is authorized by rule to delegate to a physical therapist assistant or assign to a physical therapy aide and shall provide supervision as specified.

History: 1980 c 412 s 11; 1986 c 444

148.71 REGISTRATION.

The state board of medical examiners shall register as a physical therapist and shall furnish a certificate of registration to each applicant who successfully passes an examination provided for in sections 148.65 to 148.78 for registration as a physical therapist and who is otherwise qualified as required herein.

History: 1951 c 479 s 7; 1980 c 412 s 5

148.72 EXAMINATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Issuance of registration without examination.** On payment to the board of a fee in the amount set by the board and on submission of a written application on forms provided by the board, the board shall issue registration without examination to a person who is licensed or otherwise registered as a physical therapist by another state of the United States of America, its possessions, or the District of Columbia, if the requirements for licensure or registration in the state, possession, or District were at the date of license or registration by the state substantially equal to the requirements set forth in sections 148.65 to 148.78.

Subd. 2. **Certificate of registration.** The board may issue a certificate of registration to a physical therapist without examination to an applicant who presents evidence satisfactory to the board of having passed an examination recognized by the board if the standards of the other state or foreign country are determined by the board to be as high as those of this state. At the time of making an application the applicant shall pay to the board a fee in the amount set by the board, no portion of which shall be returned.

Subd. 3. **Examinations.** The board shall give an examination to applicants who comply with section 148.70. The examination shall include a written examination which shall test the applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences as they relate to physical therapy, physical therapy theory and procedures, and such other subjects as the board may deem useful to test the applicant's qualifications to act as a physical therapist.

Subd. 4. **Issuance of registration after examination.** The board shall issue a certificate of registration to each applicant who passes the examination in accordance with standards established by the board and who is not disqualified to receive registration under the provisions of section 148.75.

History: 1951 c 479 s 8; 1980 c 412 s 6; 1986 c 444

148.73 RENEWALS.

Every registered physical therapist shall, during each January, apply to the board for an extension of registration and pay a fee in the amount set by the board. Registration that is not so extended on or before January 31 each year, shall automatically lapse on said date. The board, in its discretion, may revive and extend a lapsed registration on the payment of the required fees. Registrants shall likewise pay the annual registration fee for the balance of the first year of their registration.

History: 1951 c 479 s 9; 1959 c 282 s 1; 1961 c 323 s 1; 1980 c 412 s 7; 1986 c 444

148.74 RULES.

The board is authorized to adopt rules as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of sections 148.65 to 148.78. The secretary of the board shall keep a record of proceedings under these sections and a register of all persons registered under it. The register shall show the name, address, date and number of registration, and the renewal thereof. Any other interested person in the state may obtain a copy of such list on request to the board upon payment of an amount as may be fixed by the board, which shall not exceed the cost of the list so furnished. The board shall provide blanks, books, certificates, and stationery and assistance as is necessary for the transaction of the business of the board and the physical therapy council hereunder, and all money received by the board under sections 148.65 to 148.78 shall be paid into the state treasury as provided for by law. The board shall set by rule the amounts of the application fee and the annual registration fee.

History: 1951 c 479 s 10; 1977 c 305 s 45; 1980 c 412 s 8; 1985 c 248 s 70

148.75 CERTIFICATES; DENIAL, SUSPENSION, REVOCATION.

The state board of medical examiners may refuse to grant registration to any physical therapist, or may suspend or revoke the registration of any physical therapist for any of the following grounds:

- (a) using drugs or intoxicating liquors to an extent which affects professional competence;
- (b) been convicted of a felony;
- (c) conviction for violating any state or federal narcotic law;
- (d) procuring, aiding or abetting a criminal abortion;
- (e) registration or attempted registration by fraud or deception;
- (f) conduct unbecoming a person registered as a physical therapist or conduct detrimental to the best interests of the public;
- (g) gross negligence in the practice of physical therapy as a physical therapist;
- (h) treating human ailments by physical therapy treatment except by the order or referral of a person licensed in this state to practice medicine and whose license is in good standing; or when a previous diagnosis exists indicating an ongoing condition warranting physical therapy treatment, subject to periodic review defined by board of medical examiners rule;
- (i) treating human ailments other than by physical therapy unless duly licensed or registered to do so under the laws of this state;
- (j) inappropriate delegation to a physical therapist assistant or inappropriate task assignment to an aide or inadequate supervision of either level of supportive personnel;
- (k) treating human ailments other than by performing physical therapy procedures unless duly licensed or registered to do so under the laws of this state;
- (l) practicing as a physical therapist performing medical diagnosis, the practice of medicine as defined in section 147.10, or the practice of chiropractic as defined in section 148.01;
- (m) failure to comply with a reasonable request to obtain appropriate clearance for mental or physical conditions which would interfere with the ability to practice physical therapy, and which may be potentially harmful to patients; and
- (n) dividing fees with, or paying or promising to pay a commission or part of the fee to, any person who contacts the physical therapist for consultation or sends patients to the physical therapist for treatment.

A certificate of registration to practice as a physical therapist is suspended if (1) a guardian of the person of the physical therapist is appointed by order of a probate court pursuant to sections 525.54 to 525.612, for reasons other than the minority of the physical therapist; or (2) the physical therapist is committed by order of a probate court pursuant to 253B or sections 526.09 to 526.11. The certificate of registration remains suspended until the physical therapist is restored to capacity by a court and,

upon petition by the physical therapist, the suspension is terminated by the board of medical examiners after a hearing.

History: 1951 c 479 s 11; 1967 c 119 s 1; 1969 c 6 s 27; 1969 c 927 s 7; 1974 c 61 s 1; 1974 c 406 s 23; 1980 c 412 s 9; 1982 c 581 s 24; 1985 c 182 s 2; 1986 c 444

148.76 PROHIBITED CONDUCT.

Subdivision 1. No person shall

(a) use the title of physical therapist without a certificate of registration as a physical therapist issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 148.65 to 148.78;

(b) in any manner hold out as a physical therapist, or use in connection with the person's name the words or letters Physical Therapist, Physiotherapist, Physical Therapy Technician, Registered Physical Therapist, Licensed Physical Therapist, P.T., P.T.T., R.P.T., L.P.T., or any letters, words, abbreviations or insignia indicating or implying that the person is a physical therapist, without a certificate of registration as a physical therapist issued pursuant to the provisions of sections 148.65 to 148.78. To do so is a gross misdemeanor;

(c) employ fraud or deception in applying for or securing a certificate of registration as a physical therapist.

Nothing contained in sections 148.65 to 148.78 shall prohibit any person licensed or registered in this state under another law from carrying out the therapy or practice for which the person is duly licensed or registered.

Subd. 2. No physical therapist shall

(a) treat human ailments by physical therapy treatment except by the order or referral of a person licensed in this state to practice medicine and whose license is in good standing; or when a previous diagnosis exists indicating an ongoing condition warranting physical therapy treatment, subject to periodic review defined by board of medical examiners rule;

(b) treat human ailments other than by physical therapy unless duly licensed or registered to do so under the laws of this state.

History: 1951 c 479 s 12; 1980 c 412 s 10; 1985 c 182 s 3; 1986 c 444

148.77 VIOLATIONS.

Any person violating the provisions of section 148.76 is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

History: 1951 c 479 s 13; 1980 c 412 s 12

148.78 PROSECUTION, ALLEGATIONS.

In the prosecution of any person for violation of sections 148.65 to 148.78 as specified in section 148.76, it shall not be necessary to allege or prove want of a valid certificate of registration as a physical therapist, but shall be a matter of defense to be established by the accused.

History: 1951 c 749 s 14; 1980 c 412 s 13

PSYCHOLOGISTS

148.79 [Repealed, 1973 c 685 s 14; 1976 c 2 s 67]

148.80 [Repealed, 1973 c 685 s 14]

148.81 [Repealed, 1973 c 685 s 14; 1974 c 406 s 91]

148.82 [Repealed, 1973 c 685 s 14]

148.83 [Repealed, 1973 c 685 s 14]

148.84 [Repealed, 1973 c 685 s 14]

148.85 [Repealed, 1973 c 685 s 14; 1976 c 2 s 67]

148.86 [Repealed, 1973 c 685 s 14]

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148.87 [Repealed, 1976 c 2 s 66]

148.88 CITATION.

Sections 148.88 to 148.98 may be cited as the Minnesota licensing law for psychologists.

History: 1973 c 685 s 1; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 81

148.89 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. For the purpose of Laws 1973, chapter 685 the term "private practice of psychology" means the application for a fee, monetary or otherwise, to the public of psychological principles in the description, prediction and modification of human behavior and emotional adjustment, including but not restricted to such practices as:

- (1) Psychological assessment, including such functions as intelligence, personality, aptitude, and attitude appraisal;
- (2) Psychological treatment of persons who have adjustment problems;
- (3) Psychological counseling and guidance;
- (4) Conducting behavioral research; and
- (5) Teaching of psychology.

Subd. 2. For the purpose of Laws 1973, chapter 685 the term "collaboration" means consultation between a licensed psychologist and a licensed consultant psychologist on at least an annual basis but shall not necessarily require consultation on each case referred to a licensed psychologist.

History: 1973 c 685 s 2

148.90 BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY.

Subdivision 1. The board of psychology is hereby created with powers and duties as hereinafter prescribed. The board shall consist of 11 members. In its initial composition, membership shall consist of (1) three psychologists whose qualifications shall be not less than those specified in section 148.91, subdivision 4, (2) two psychologists whose qualifications shall be those specified in section 148.91, subdivision 5, (3) two doctoral level psychologists, not necessarily licensed under Laws 1973, chapter 685, whose specialties broadly represent the fields of interest in psychology, and (4) four public members. After the initial appointments, members specified in clause (1) shall be licensed consulting psychologists and members specified in clause (2) shall be licensed psychologists.

Subd. 2. The members of the board shall:

- (1) Be appointed by the governor;
- (2) Be residents of the state;
- (3) Serve for not more than two consecutive terms;
- (4) Designate the officers of the board, and pursuant to chapter 14, prescribe rules as may be necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of Laws 1973, chapter 685; and
- (5) Administer oaths pertaining to the business of the board.

Public members of the board shall broadly represent the public interest and shall not: (a) be members of health professions licensed by the state of Minnesota; (b) be a spouse, parent, child, or employee of a practicing psychologist or of a health professional licensed by the state of Minnesota; or (c) be persons who are or were before their retirement persons who were engaged on a full or part-time basis in the practice of psychology.

Subd. 3. Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements shall be as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. The provision of staff, administrative services

and office space; the review and processing of complaints; the setting of board fees; and other provisions relating to board operations shall be as provided in chapter 214 and Laws 1976, chapter 222, sections 2 to 7.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1975 c 136 s 77]

Subd. 5. [Repealed, 1975 c 136 s 77]

History: 1973 c 685 s 3; 1975 c 136 s 22,23; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1976 c 222 s 67; 1982 c 424 s 130

148.91 REQUIREMENTS OF LICENSES.

Subdivision 1. The board may grant licenses for two levels of psychological practice. The persons so licensed are to be known and are hereafter referred to as (a) licensed consulting psychologist and (b) licensed psychologist, or if both levels are referred to, as licensee.

Subd. 2. Before granting any such license the board shall require every applicant therefor to pass an examination in psychology. This examination shall be given at least once each year, at such time and place and under such supervision as the board prescribes.

Subd. 3. Each applicant shall pay a nonrefundable application fee set by the board. The licenses granted hereunder shall be valid for a period as set by the board. The fee for renewal shall be set by the board.

Subd. 4. To become a licensed consulting psychologist a person must fulfill and comply with the requirements of subdivision 2 and satisfy the board that the person:

- (1) Has attained the age of majority;
- (2) Is of good moral character and is not found to be engaging in unethical practices as defined within the code of ethics adopted pursuant to section 148.98;
- (3) Has received a doctorate degree with a major in psychology, which may include educational and child psychology, from an educational institution meeting standards which may be prescribed by rule of the board; and
- (4) Has had at least two full years or their equivalent of post doctoral employment as a psychologist.

Subd. 5. To become a licensed psychologist, a person must have:

- (1) Received a doctorate or master's degree or has received the equivalent of a master's degree in a doctoral program with a major in psychology; which may include educational and child psychology, from an educational institution meeting the standards which may be prescribed by rule of the board;
- (2) At least two full years of experience or its equivalent of employment as a psychologist after receiving the training upon which application for this license is made;
- (3) Otherwise fulfilled and complied with subdivision 2 and subdivision 4, clauses (1) and (2).

History: 1973 c 685 s 4; 1976 c 222 s 68,69; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444

148.92 WAIVERS.

Subdivision 1. For a period of two years from July 1, 1973 the board shall waive the requirements of section 148.91, subdivision 2, and grant the appropriate license to any person who meets or has met the requirements of section 148.91, subdivisions 3, and 4, or 5, who is qualified by experience to practice at the appropriate level of psychology, and who has engaged in such practice of a nature satisfactory to the board for at least two years or its equivalent, within five years prior to July 1, 1973.

Subd. 2. The board may grant a license without an examination to any person who at the time of application is licensed or certified by a similar board of another state whose standards, in the judgment of the board, are not lower than those required by Laws 1973, chapter 685 at the time the person was licensed or certified in said state; or who is a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology.

Subd. 3. The board may grant a license as a consulting psychologist without an examination to any person residing in the state who has applied for said license on or before a date two years after July 1, 1973 and who fulfills and complies with section 148.91, subdivisions 3, 4, clauses (1) and (2), and 5, clause (1), and who has had at least ten years experience of a type satisfactory to the board.

History: 1973 c 685 s 5; 1986 c 444

148.93 LIMITATION.

A licensed psychologist may engage in private practice only in collaboration with at least one licensed consulting psychologist in the licensed psychologist field of practice. In addition, a licensed psychologist so collaborating may form any other working relationships with psychologists or other professionals insofar as these do not violate other sections of this or other Minnesota Statutes. It shall be unlawful for any licensed psychologist or licensed consulting psychologist to divide fees with, or to pay a commission to, or to pay a referral fee to any other person who calls for consultation or sends clients for psychological services as defined in Laws 1973, chapter 685, provided that payment of a fee for collaborative services performed is not prohibited by this section.

History: 1973 c 685 s 6; 1986 c 444

148.94 [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

148.95 SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION.

The license of any consulting psychologist or psychologist may be suspended or revoked by the board upon proof of guilt of unprofessional conduct as defined by the rules established by the board or violation of the code of ethics adopted by the board.

For reasons it deems sufficient and upon a vote of six of its members, the board may restore a license which has been revoked, reduce a period of suspension or withdraw a reprimand.

History: 1973 c 685 s 8; 1975 c 136 s 24; 1976 c 222 s 70; 1986 c 444

148.951 EVIDENCE OF PAST SEXUAL CONDUCT.

In a proceeding for the suspension or revocation of a license or other disciplinary action for unethical or unprofessional conduct involving sexual contact with a client or former client, the board or administrative law judge shall not consider evidence of the client's previous sexual conduct nor shall any reference to this conduct be made during the proceedings or in the findings, except by motion of the complainant, unless the evidence would be admissible under the applicable provisions of section 609.347, subdivision 3.

History: 1984 c 556 s 2; 1984 c 640 s 32

148.96 PRESENTATION TO PUBLIC.

No individual shall present or permit presentation of that individual to the public by any title incorporating the word "psychological," "psychologist," or "psychology" other than those so licensed by Laws 1973, chapter 685; except that:

(1) Any psychologically trained individual employed by educational institutions recognized by a regional accrediting organization, federal, state, county, or local governmental institutions, agencies, research facilities, or agencies providing services on a contracting basis may be represented by the academic or research title designated by that organization;

(2) Any psychologically trained individual from such recognized institutions, as given in clause (1), may offer lecture services and be exempt from the provisions of this section; and

(3) Persons preparing for the profession of psychologist under qualified supervi-

sion in recognized training institutions or facilities may be designated by such titles as "psychological intern," "psychological trainee," or others clearly indicating such training status.

History: 1973 c 685 s 9; 1986 c 444

148.97 PENALTIES.

Subdivision 1. Any person who shall engage in the private practice of psychology without having obtained a license under Laws 1973, chapter 685 and any person who shall violate any other provision of Laws 1973, chapter 685 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 3. (1) Nothing in Laws 1973, chapter 685 shall be construed to limit the professional pursuits consistent with their training and code of ethics of professions such as teachers in recognized public and private schools, members of the clergy, physicians, social workers, alcohol or drug counselors, or optometrists or attorneys. However, in such performance any title used must be in accord with section 148.96.

(2) Persons preparing for the profession of psychology may perform as a part of their training any functions specified in section 148.89, but only under qualified supervision.

(3) Use of psychological techniques by business and industrial organizations for their own personnel purposes or by employment agencies or state vocational rehabilitation agencies for the evaluation of their own clients prior to recommendation for employment is also specifically allowed. However, no representative of an industrial or business firm or corporation may sell or offer for sale any psychological services as specified in section 148.89 unless such services are performed or supervised by individuals licensed under Laws 1973, chapter 685.

Subd. 4. Nothing in Laws 1973, chapter 685 is to be construed as restricting a sociologist who holds a doctoral degree in sociology or social psychology awarded by an accredited institution, and who elects to be represented to the public by the title "social psychologist" and who has notified the board of the intention to be represented as such.

Subd. 5. A psychological consultant who is not a resident of the state of Minnesota, but is licensed or certified by a similar board of another state whose standards, in the judgment of the board, are not lower than those required by Laws 1973, chapter 685 at the time of that person's licensure and certification in said state or who meets the requirements of section 148.91, subdivision 4, and resides in a state which does not grant certification or licenses to psychologists may offer professional services in this state for no more than 60 days in any calendar year without holding a license under Laws 1973, chapter 685, provided that such persons shall report to the board the nature and extent of their practice in this state if it exceeds 12 days in any calendar year.

Subd. 6. Nothing in Laws 1973, chapter 685 shall be construed to authorize a person licensed under Laws 1973, chapter 685 to engage in the practice of any other profession regulated under Minnesota law unless the person is duly licensed or registered in that profession.

History: 1973 c 685 s 10; 1976 c 222 s 71; 1986 c 444

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148.975 DUTY TO WARN; LIMITATION ON LIABILITY; VIOLENT BEHAVIOR OF PATIENT.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section and section 148.976.

(b) "Other person" means an immediate family member or someone who personally knows the patient and has reason to believe the patient is capable of and will carry out the serious, specific threat of harm to a specific, clearly identified victim.

(c) "Practitioner" means a psychologist, school psychologist, nurse, chemical dependency counselor, or social worker who is licensed by the state or who performs psychotherapy within a program or facility licensed by the state or established pursuant to rules adopted under section 245.69, subdivision 2.

(d) "Psychotherapy" means the professional treatment, assessment, or counseling of a mental or emotional illness, symptom, or condition.

(e) "Reasonable efforts" means communicating the serious, specific threat to the potential victim and if unable to make contact with the potential victim, communicating the serious, specific threat to the law enforcement agency closest to the potential victim or the patient.

Subd. 2. **Liability standard.** No monetary liability and no cause of action may arise against a practitioner for failure to predict, warn of, or take reasonable precautions to provide protection from, a patient's violent behavior, unless the patient or other person has communicated to the practitioner a specific, serious threat of physical violence against a specific, clearly identified or identifiable potential victim.

Subd. 3. **Duty to warn.** The duty to predict, warn of, or take reasonable precautions to provide protection from, violent behavior arises only under the limited circumstances specified in subdivision 2. The duty is discharged by the practitioner if reasonable efforts are made to communicate the threat to the potential victim.

Subd. 4. **Disclosure of confidences.** No monetary liability and no cause of action, or disciplinary action by the state board of psychology or board of nursing may arise against a practitioner for disclosing confidences to third parties in a good-faith effort to discharge a duty arising under this section.

Subd. 5. **Continuity of care.** Nothing in subdivision 3 shall be construed to authorize a practitioner to terminate treatment of a patient as a direct result of a patient's violent behavior or threat of physical violence unless the patient is referred to another practitioner or appropriate health care facility.

Subd. 6. **Exception.** This section does not apply to a threat to commit suicide or other threats by a patient to harm the patient, or to a threat by a patient who is adjudicated mentally ill and dangerous under chapter 253B.

History: 1986 c 380 s 1

148.976 OPTIONAL DISCLOSURE; LIMITATION ON LIABILITY.

Subdivision 1. **Optional disclosure.** Nothing in section 148.975 shall be construed to prohibit a practitioner from disclosing confidences to third parties in a good-faith effort to warn against or take precautions against a patient's violent behavior for which a duty to warn does not arise under section 148.975.

Subd. 2. **Limitation on liability.** No monetary liability and no cause of action, or disciplinary action by the state board of psychology or board of nursing may arise against a practitioner for disclosure of confidences to third parties, for failure to disclose confidences to third parties, or for erroneous disclosure of confidences to third parties in a good-faith effort to warn against or take precautions against a patient's violent behavior for which a duty to warn does not arise under section 148.975.

History: 1986 c 380 s 2

148.98 CODE OF ETHICS.

The board shall adopt a code of ethics to govern appropriate practices or behavior, as referred to in section 148.89. The board shall file such code with the secretary of state at least 30 days prior to the effective date of such code. This code of ethics shall include, but not be limited to, the following principles:

(1) The psychologist recognizes personal boundaries of competence and the limitation of techniques and does not offer services or use techniques that fail to meet professional standards established in particular fields.

(2) The psychologist who engages in practice assists the client in obtaining profes-

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sional help for all important aspects of the client's problem that fall outside the boundaries of the psychologist's competence.

(3) A psychologist does not claim either directly or by implication professional qualifications that differ from actual qualifications, nor does the psychologist misrepresent affiliation with any institution, organization, or individual, nor lead others to assume the psychologist has false affiliations.

History: 1973 c 685 s 11; 1976 c 222 s 72; 1986 c 444

148.99 Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1976 c 222 s 209]

Subd. 2. [Expired]