

CHAPTER 148

PUBLIC HEALTH OCCUPATIONS, LICENSING

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148.181 BOARD OF NURSING MEMBERSHIP, VACANCIES, DISCLOSURE.

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** The board of nursing consists of 16 members appointed by the governor, each of whom must be a resident of this state. Eight members must be registered nurses, each of whom must have graduated from an approved school of nursing, must be licensed and currently registered as a registered nurse in this state, and must have had at least five years experience in nursing practice, nursing administration, or nursing education immediately preceding appointment. One of the eight must have had at least two years executive or teaching experience in a baccalaureate degree nursing program approved by the board under section 148.251 during the five years immediately preceding appointment, one of the eight must have had at least two years executive or teaching experience in an associate degree nursing program approved by the board under section 148.251 during the five years immediately preceding appointment, one of the eight must be practicing professional nursing in a nursing home at the time of appointment, one of the eight must have had at least two years executive or teaching experience in a practical nursing program approved by the board under section 148.251 during the five years immediately preceding appointment, and one of the eight must have national certification as a registered nurse anesthetist, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, or clinical nurse specialist. Four of the eight must have had at least five years of experience in nursing practice or nursing administration immediately preceding appointment. Four members must be licensed practical nurses, each of whom must have graduated from an approved school of nursing, must be licensed and currently registered as a licensed practical nurse in this state, and must have had at least five years experience in nursing practice immediately preceding appointment. The remaining four members must be public members as defined by section 214.02.

A member may be reappointed but may not serve more than two full terms consecutively. The governor shall attempt to make appointments to the board that reflect the geography of the state. The board members who are nurses should as a whole reflect the broad mix of practice types and sites of nurses practicing in Minnesota.

Membership terms, compensation of members, removal of members, the filling of membership vacancies, and fiscal year and reporting requirements are as provided in sections 214.07 to 214.09. Any nurse on the board who during incumbency permanently ceases to be actively engaged in the practice of nursing or otherwise becomes disqualified for board membership is automatically removed, and the governor shall fill the vacancy. 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 are as provided in sections 148.171 to 148.285 and chapter 214. Each member of the board shall file with the secretary of state the constitutional oath of office before beginning the term of office.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. Disclosure. A disciplinary hearing must be closed to the public.

Upon application of a party in a proceeding before the board under section 148.261, the board shall produce and permit the inspection and copying, by or on behalf of the moving party, of any designated documents or papers relevant to the proceedings, in accordance with rule 34 of the Minnesota rules of civil procedure.

History: 1993 c 88 s 1,2; 1993 c 105 s 1; 1993 c 366 s 1

148.211 LICENSING.

Subdivision 1. Licensure by examination. An applicant for a license to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse shall apply to the board for a 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 may fees be refunded.

Before being scheduled for examination, the applicant shall provide written evidence verified by oath that the applicant (1) has not engaged in conduct warranting disciplinary action as set forth in section 148.261; (2) meets secondary education requirements as determined by the board and other preliminary qualification requirements the board may prescribe by rule; and (3) has completed a course of study in a nursing program approved by the board, another United States nursing board, or a Canadian province. An applicant who graduates from a nursing program in another country, except Canada, must also successfully complete the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools Qualifying Examination. The nursing program must be approved for the preparation of applicants for the type of license for which the application has been submitted.

The applicant must pass a written examination in the subjects the board may determine. Written examination includes both paper and pencil examinations and examinations administered with a computer and related technology. Each written examination may be supplemented by an oral or practical examination. An applicant failing to pass the examination may apply for reexamination.

Upon submission by the applicant of an affidavit of graduation or transcript 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. The board may issue a license with conditions and limitations if it considers it necessary to protect the public.

[For text of subds 2 to 5, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 88 s 3

148.212 TEMPORARY PERMIT.

Upon receipt of the applicable licensure or reregistration fee and permit fee, and in accordance with rules of the board, the board may issue a nonrenewable temporary permit to practice professional or practical nursing to an applicant for licensure or reregistration who is not the subject of a pending investigation or disciplinary action, nor disqualified for any other reason, under the following circumstances:

(a) The applicant for licensure by examination under section 148.211, subdivision 1, has graduated from an approved nursing program within the 60 days preceding board receipt of an affidavit of graduation or transcript and has been authorized by the board to write the licensure examination for the first time in the United States. The permit holder must practice professional or practical nursing under the direct supervision of

a registered nurse. The permit is valid from the date of issue until the date the board takes action on the application or for 60 days whichever occurs first.

(b) The applicant for licensure by endorsement under section 148.211, subdivision 2, is currently licensed to practice professional or practical nursing in another state, territory, or Canadian province. The permit is valid from submission of a proper request until the date of board action on the application.

(c) The applicant for licensure by endorsement under section 148.211, subdivision 2, or for reregistration under section 148.231, subdivision 5, is currently registered in a formal, structured refresher course or its equivalent for nurses that includes clinical practice.

History: 1993 c 88 s 4

NOTE: The conditions of paragraphs (a) and (b), as amended by Laws 1993, chapter 88, section 4, are effective for persons applying to take a licensing examination after February 28, 1994. See Laws 1993, chapter 88, section 6.

148.235 PRESCRIBING DRUGS AND THERAPEUTIC DEVICES.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2. **Nurse practitioners.** (a) **Prescribing authority.** A registered nurse who (1) has graduated from a program of study designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced practice as nurse practitioners, (2) is certified through a national professional nursing organization which certifies nurse practitioners and is included in the list of professional nursing organizations adopted by the board under section 62A.15, subdivision 3a, and (3) has a written agreement with a physician based on standards established by the Minnesota nurses association and the Minnesota medical association that defines the delegated responsibilities related to the prescription of drugs and therapeutic devices, may prescribe and administer drugs and therapeutic devices within the scope of the written agreement and within practice as a nurse practitioner.

(b) **Rules.** By July 1, 1991, the board shall promulgate rules to provide for the following:

(1) a system of identifying nurse practitioners eligible to prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices;

(2) a method of determining which general categories of prescription drugs and therapeutic devices have been delegated to each nurse practitioner;

(3) a system of transmitting to pharmacists information concerning nurse practitioners eligible to prescribe drugs and therapeutic devices and the types of drugs and therapeutic devices they have been delegated the authority to prescribe; and

(4) a fee to the nurse practitioner who seeks prescribing authority in an amount sufficient to cover the board's ongoing costs relating to monitoring and regulating the prescribing authority of nurse practitioners.

History: 1993 c 337 s 10

148.261 GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Subdivision 1. **Grounds listed.** The board may deny, revoke, suspend, limit, or condition the license and registration of any person to practice professional or practical nursing under sections 148.171 to 148.285, or to otherwise discipline a licensee or applicant as described in section 148.262. The following are grounds for disciplinary action:

(1) Failure to demonstrate the qualifications or satisfy the requirements for a license contained in sections 148.171 to 148.285 or rules of the board. In the case of a person applying for a license, the burden of proof is upon the applicant to demonstrate the qualifications or satisfaction of the requirements.

(2) Employing fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a permit, license, or registration certificate to practice professional or practical nursing or attempting to subvert the licensing examination process. Conduct that subverts or attempts to subvert the licensing examination process includes, but is not limited to:

(i) conduct that violates the security of the examination materials, such as removing examination materials from the examination room or having unauthorized possession of any portion of a future, current, or previously administered licensing examination;

(ii) conduct that violates the standard of test administration, such as communicating with another examinee during administration of the examination, copying another examinee's answers, permitting another examinee to copy one's answers, or possessing unauthorized materials; or

(iii) impersonating an examinee or permitting an impersonator to take the examination on one's own behalf.

(3) Conviction during the previous five years of a felony or gross misdemeanor reasonably related to the practice of professional or practical nursing. Conviction as used in this subdivision includes a conviction of an offense that if committed in this state would be considered a felony or gross misdemeanor without regard to its designation elsewhere, or a criminal proceeding where a finding or verdict of guilt is made or returned but the adjudication of guilt is either withheld or not entered.

(4) Revocation, suspension, limitation, conditioning, or other disciplinary action against the person's professional or practical nursing license in another state, territory, or country; failure to report to the board that charges regarding the person's nursing license are pending in another state, territory, or country; or having been refused a license by another state, territory, or country.

(5) Failure to or inability to perform professional or practical nursing as defined in section 148.171, paragraph (3) or (5), with reasonable skill and safety, including failure of a registered nurse to supervise or a licensed practical nurse to monitor adequately the performance of acts by any person working at the nurse's direction.

(6) Engaging in unprofessional conduct, including, but not limited to, a departure from or failure to conform to board rules of professional or practical nursing practice that interpret the statutory definition of professional or practical nursing as well as provide criteria for violations of the statutes, or, if no rule exists, to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing professional or practical nursing practice, or any nursing practice that may create unnecessary danger to a patient's life, health, or safety. Actual injury to a patient need not be established under this clause.

(7) Delegating or accepting the delegation of a nursing function or a prescribed health care function when the delegation or acceptance could reasonably be expected to result in unsafe or ineffective patient care.

(8) Actual or potential inability to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, use of alcohol, drugs, chemicals, or any other material, or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

(9) Adjudication as mentally incompetent, mentally ill, a chemically dependent person, or a person dangerous to the public by a court of competent jurisdiction, within or without this state.

(10) Engaging in any unethical conduct, including, but not limited to, conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, or demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of a patient. Actual injury need not be established under this clause.

(11) Engaging in conduct with a patient that is sexual or may reasonably be interpreted by the patient as sexual, or in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient, or engaging in sexual exploitation of a patient or former patient.

(12) Obtaining money, property, or services from a patient, other than reasonable fees for services provided to the patient, through the use of undue influence, harassment, duress, deception, or fraud.

(13) Revealing a privileged communication from or relating to a patient except when otherwise required or permitted by law.

(14) Engaging in abusive or fraudulent billing practices, including violations of federal Medicare and Medicaid laws or state medical assistance laws.

(15) Improper management of patient records, including failure to maintain adequate patient records, to comply with a patient's request made pursuant to section 144.335, or to furnish a patient record or report required by law.

(16) Knowingly aiding, assisting, advising, or allowing an unlicensed person to engage in the unlawful practice of professional or practical nursing.

(17) Violating a rule adopted by the board, an order of the board, or a state or federal law relating to the practice of professional or practical nursing, or a state or federal narcotics or controlled substance law.

(18) Knowingly providing false or misleading information that is directly related to the care of that patient unless done for an accepted therapeutic purpose such as the administration of a placebo.

(19) Aiding suicide or aiding attempted suicide in violation of section 609.215 as established by any of the following:

(i) a copy of the record of criminal conviction or plea of guilty for a felony in violation of section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2;

(ii) a copy of the record of a judgment of contempt of court for violating an injunction issued under section 609.215, subdivision 4;

(iii) a copy of the record of a judgment assessing damages under section 609.215, subdivision 5; or

(iv) a finding by the board that the person violated section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2. The board shall investigate any complaint of a violation of section 609.215, subdivision 1 or 2.

(20) Practicing outside the scope of practice authorized by section 148.171, paragraph (3) or (5).

(21) Making a false statement or knowingly providing false information to the board, failing to make reports as required by section 148.263, or failing to cooperate with an investigation of the board as required by section 148.265.

(22) Engaging in false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading advertising.

[For text of subs 4 and 5, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 88 s 5

148.57 LICENSE.

[For text of subs 1 and 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 3. Revocation, suspension. The board may revoke the license or suspend or restrict 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 148.576 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.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 121 s 3

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 that requires treatment that is beyond the practice of optometry permitted by law, 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: 1993 c 121 s 4

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 148.577. The authorizations in sections 148.571 to 148.577 apply only to topical legend drugs. Nothing in chapter 151 shall prevent a pharmacist from selling topical ocular drugs to an optometrist authorized to use such drugs according to sections 148.571 to 148.577. Notwithstanding section 151.37, an optometrist is prohibited from dispensing legend drugs at retail.

History: 1993 c 121 s 5

148.575 CERTIFICATE REQUIRED FOR USE OF TOPICAL LEGEND DRUGS.

Subdivision 1. Certificate required for use of topical legend drugs. A licensed optometrist must be board certified to use topical legend drugs for therapy under section 148.576.

Subd. 2. Board certified defined. "Board certified" means that a licensed optometrist has been issued a certificate by the board of optometry certifying that the optometrist has complied with the following requirements for the use of topical legend drugs described in section 148.576:

- (1) successful completion of at least 60 hours of study in general and ocular pharmacology emphasizing drugs used for examination or treatment purposes, their systemic effects and management or referral of adverse reactions;
- (2) successful completion of at least 100 hours of study in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions of the human eye with topical legend drugs;
- (3) successful completion of two years of supervised clinical experience in differential diagnosis of eye disease or disorders as part of optometric training or one year of that experience and ten years of actual clinical experience as a licensed optometrist; and
- (4) successful completion of a nationally standardized examination approved by the board on the subject of treatment and management of ocular disease prepared, administered, and graded by the International Association of Boards of Examiners in Optometry or an equivalent national board examination.

Subd. 3. Display of certificate required. A certificate issued to a licensed optometrist by the board of optometry must be displayed in a prominent place in the licensed optometrist's office.

Subd. 4. Accreditation of courses. The board of optometry may approve courses of study in general or ocular pharmacology and examination, diagnosis, and treatment of conditions of the human eye only if they are taught by an institution that meets the following criteria:

- (1) the institution has facilities for both didactic and clinical instruction in pharmacology and ocular disease treatment;
- (2) the institution certifies to the board of optometry that the course of instruction

is comparable in content to courses of instruction required by other health-related licensing boards whose license holders or registrants are permitted to administer pharmaceutical agents in their professional practice for either diagnostic or therapeutic purposes or both; and

(3) the institution is accredited by a regional or professional accrediting organization recognized by the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation or the United States Department of Education, or their successors.

Subd. 5. **Notice to board of pharmacy.** The board of optometry shall notify the board of pharmacy of each licensed optometrist who meets the certification requirements in this section.

History: 1993 c 121 s 6

148.576 USE OF TOPICAL LEGEND DRUGS; LIMITATIONS; REPORTS.

Subdivision 1. **Authority to prescribe or administer.** A licensed optometrist who is board certified under section 148.575 may prescribe or administer topical legend drugs to aid in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, prevention, treatment, or management of disease, deficiency, deformity, or abnormality of the human eye and adnexa.

Subd. 2. **Adverse reaction reports.** An optometrist certified to prescribe topical legend drugs shall file with the board of optometry within ten working days of its occurrence a report on any adverse reaction resulting from the optometrist's administration of a drug. The report must include the optometrist's name, address, and license number; the patient's name, address, and age; the patient's presenting problem; the diagnosis; the agent administered and the method of administration; the reaction; and the subsequent action taken.

History: 1993 c 121 s 7

148.577 STANDARD OF CARE.

A licensed optometrist who is board certified under section 148.575 is held to the same standard of care in the use of those drugs as physicians licensed by the state of Minnesota.

History: 1993 c 121 s 8

148.578 ADVERSE REACTIONS.

The board of optometry shall report annually to the legislature the details of adverse reactions received regarding the prescription or administration of topical legend drugs under section 148.576, subdivision 2.

History: 1993 c 121 s 9

148.71 REGISTRATION.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2. **Temporary permit.** (a) The board may, upon payment of a fee set by the board, issue a temporary permit to practice physical therapy under supervision to a physical therapist who is a graduate of an approved school of physical therapy and qualified for admission to examination for registration as a physical therapist. A temporary permit to practice physical therapy under supervision may be issued only once and cannot be renewed. It expires 90 days after the next examination for registration given by the board or on the date on which the board, after examination of the applicant, grants or denies the applicant a registration to practice, whichever occurs first. A temporary permit expires on the first day the board begins its next examination for registration after the permit is issued if the holder does not submit to examination on that date. The holder of a temporary permit to practice physical therapy under supervision may practice physical therapy as defined in section 148.65 if the entire practice is under the supervision of a person holding a valid registration to practice physical therapy in this state. The supervision shall be direct, immediate, and on premises.

(b) A physical therapist from another state who is licensed or otherwise registered in good standing as a physical therapist by that state and meets the requirements for registration under section 148.72 does not require supervision to practice physical therapy while holding a temporary permit in this state. The temporary permit remains valid only until the meeting of the board at which the application for registration is considered.

Subd. 3. **Foreign-trained physical therapists; temporary permits.** (a) The board of medical practice may issue a temporary permit to a foreign-trained physical therapist who:

(1) is enrolled in a supervised physical therapy traineeship that meets the requirements under paragraph (b);

(2) has completed a physical therapy education program equivalent to that under section 148.705 and Minnesota Rules, part 5601.0800, subpart 2;

(3) has achieved a score of at least 550 on the test of English as a foreign language or a score of at least 85 on the Minnesota battery test; and

(4) has paid a nonrefundable fee set by the board.

A foreign-trained physical therapist must have the temporary permit before beginning a traineeship.

(b) A supervised physical therapy traineeship must:

(1) be at least six months;

(2) be at a board-approved facility;

(3) provide a broad base of clinical experience to the foreign-trained physical therapist including a variety of physical agents, therapeutic exercises, evaluation procedures, and patient diagnoses;

(4) be supervised by a physical therapist who has at least three years of clinical experience and is registered under subdivision 1; and

(5) be approved by the board before the foreign-trained physical therapist begins the traineeship.

(c) A temporary permit is effective on the first day of a traineeship and expires 90 days after the next examination for registration given by the board following successful completion of the traineeship or on the date on which the board, after examination of the applicant, grants or denies the applicant a registration to practice, whichever occurs first.

(d) A foreign-trained physical therapist must successfully complete a traineeship to be registered as a physical therapist under subdivision 1. The traineeship may be waived for a foreign-trained physical therapist who is licensed or otherwise registered in good standing in another state and has successfully practiced physical therapy in that state under the supervision of a licensed or registered physical therapist for at least six months at a facility that meets the requirements under paragraph (b), clauses (2) and (3).

(e) A temporary permit will not be issued to a foreign-trained applicant who has been issued a temporary permit for longer than six months in any other state.

History: 1993 c 21 s 11,12

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

148.7801 CITATION.

Sections 148.7801 to 148.7815 may be cited as the "Minnesota athletic trainers act."

History: 1993 c 232 s 2

148.7802 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The definitions in this section apply to this chapter.

Subd. 2. **Approved continuing education program.** "Approved continuing education program" means a continuing education program that meets the continuing education requirements in section 148.7812 and is approved by the board.

Subd. 3. **Approved education program.** "Approved education program" means a university, college, or other post-secondary education program of athletic training that, at the time the student completes the program, is approved or accredited by the National Athletic Trainers Association Professional Education Committee, the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification, or the Joint Review Committee on Educational Programs in Athletic Training in collaboration with the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, and the National Athletic Trainers Association.

Subd. 4. **Athlete.** "Athlete" means a person participating in exercises, sports, games, or recreation requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina.

Subd. 5. **Athletic injury.** "Athletic injury" means an injury sustained by a person as a result of the person's participation in exercises, sports, games, or recreation requiring physical strength, agility, flexibility, range of motion, speed, or stamina.

Subd. 6. **Athletic trainer.** "Athletic trainer" means a person who engages in athletic training under section 148.7806 and is registered under section 148.7808.

Subd. 7. **Board.** "Board" means the board of medical practice.

Subd. 8. **Credential.** "Credential" means a license, permit, certification, registration, or other evidence of qualification or authorization to practice as an athletic trainer in this state or any other state.

Subd. 9. **Credentialing examination.** "Credentialing examination" means an examination administered by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification for credentialing as an athletic trainer, or an examination for credentialing offered by a national testing service that is approved by the board.

Subd. 10. **Primary employment site.** "Primary employment site" means the institution, organization, corporation, or sports team where the athletic trainer is employed for the practice of athletic training.

Subd. 11. **Primary physician.** "Primary physician" means a licensed medical physician who serves as a medical consultant to an athletic trainer.

History: 1993 c 232 s 3

148.7803 DESIGNATION OF ATHLETIC TRAINER.

Subdivision 1. **Designation.** A person shall not use in connection with the person's name the words or letters registered athletic trainer; licensed athletic trainer; Minnesota registered athletic trainer; athletic trainer; A.T.R.; or any words, letters, abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the person is an athletic trainer, without a certificate of registration as an athletic trainer issued under sections 148.7808 to 148.7810. A student attending a college or university athletic training program must be identified as a "student athletic trainer."

Subd. 2. **Penalty.** A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to section 214.11.

History: 1993 c 232 s 4

148.7804 POWERS OF THE BOARD.

The board, acting under the advice of the athletic trainer's advisory council, shall issue all registrations and shall exercise the following powers and duties:

- (1) adopt rules necessary to implement sections 148.7801 to 148.7815;
- (2) prescribe registration application forms, certificate of registration forms, protocol forms, and other necessary forms;
- (3) approve a registration examination;

(4) keep a complete record of registered athletic trainers, prepare a current official listing of the names and addresses of registered athletic trainers, and make a copy of the list available to any person requesting it upon payment of a copying fee established by the board;

(5) keep a permanent record of all its proceedings; and

(6) establish the duties of, and employ, clerical personnel.

History: 1993 c 232 s 5

148.7805 ATHLETIC TRAINER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL.

Subdivision 1. **Creation; membership.** The athletic trainer's advisory council is created and is composed of eight members appointed by the board. The advisory council consists of:

(1) two public members as defined in section 214.02;

(2) three members who, except for initial appointees, are registered athletic trainers, one being both a registered physical therapist and registered athletic trainer as submitted by the Minnesota American Physical Therapy Association;

(3) two members who are medical physicians licensed by the state and have experience with athletic training and sports medicine; and

(4) one member who is a doctor of chiropractic licensed by the state and has experience with athletic training and sports injuries.

Subd. 2. **Administration.** The advisory council is established and administered under section 15.059. Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the council shall not expire.

Subd. 3. **Duties.** The advisory council shall:

(1) advise the board regarding standards for athletic trainers;

(2) distribute information regarding athletic trainer standards;

(3) advise the board on enforcement of sections 148.7801 to 148.7815;

(4) review registration and registration renewal applications and make recommendations to the board;

(5) review complaints in accordance with sections 214.10 and 214.13, subdivision 6;

(6) review investigation reports of complaints and recommend to the board whether disciplinary action should be taken;

(7) advise the board regarding evaluation and treatment protocols;

(8) advise the board regarding approval of continuing education programs; and

(9) perform other duties authorized for advisory councils under chapter 214, as directed by the board.

History: 1993 c 232 s 6

148.7806 ATHLETIC TRAINING.

Athletic training by a registered athletic trainer under section 148.7808 includes the activities described in paragraphs (a) to (e).

(a) An athletic trainer shall:

(1) prevent, recognize, and evaluate athletic injuries;

(2) give emergency care and first aid;

(3) manage and treat athletic injuries; and

(4) rehabilitate and physically recondition athletic injuries.

The athletic trainer may use modalities such as cold, heat, light, sound, electricity, exercise, and mechanical devices for treatment and rehabilitation of athletic injuries to athletes in the primary employment site.

(b) The primary physician shall establish evaluation and treatment protocols to be

used by the athletic trainer. The primary physician shall record the protocols on a form prescribed by the board. The protocol form must be updated yearly at the athletic trainer's registration renewal time and kept on file by the athletic trainer.

(c) At the primary employment site, except in a corporate setting, an athletic trainer may evaluate and treat an athlete for an athletic injury not previously diagnosed for not more than 30 days, or a period of time as designated by the primary physician on the protocol form, from the date of the initial evaluation and treatment. Preventative care after resolution of the injury is not considered treatment. This paragraph does not apply to a person who is referred for treatment by a person licensed in this state to practice medicine as defined in section 147.081, to practice chiropractic as defined in section 148.01, to practice podiatry as defined in section 153.01, or to practice dentistry as defined in section 150A.05 and whose license is in good standing.

(d) An athletic trainer may:

(1) organize and administer an athletic training program including, but not limited to, educating and counseling athletes;

(2) monitor the signs, symptoms, general behavior, and general physical response of an athlete to treatment and rehabilitation including, but not limited to, whether the signs, symptoms, reactions, behavior, or general response show abnormal characteristics; and

(3) make suggestions to the primary physician or other treating provider for a modification in the treatment and rehabilitation of an injured athlete based on the indicators in clause (2).

(e) In a clinical, corporate, and physical therapy setting, when the service provided is, or is represented as being, physical therapy, an athletic trainer may work only under the direct supervision of a physical therapist as defined in section 148.65.

History: 1993 c 232 s 7

148.7807 LIMITATIONS ON PRACTICE.

If an athletic trainer determines that a patient's medical condition is beyond the scope of practice of that athletic trainer, the athletic trainer must refer the patient to a person licensed in this state to practice medicine as defined in section 147.081, to practice chiropractic as defined in section 148.01, to practice podiatry as defined in section 153.01, or to practice dentistry as defined in section 150A.05 and whose license is in good standing and in accordance with established evaluation and treatment protocols. An athletic trainer shall modify or terminate treatment of a patient that is not beneficial to the patient, or that is not tolerated by the patient.

History: 1993 c 232 s 8

148.7808 REGISTRATION; REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. Registration. The board may issue a certificate of registration as an athletic trainer to applicants who meet the requirements under this section. An applicant for registration as an athletic trainer shall pay a fee under section 148.7815 and file a written application on a form, provided by the board, that includes:

(1) the applicant's name, social security number, home address and telephone number, business address and telephone number, and business setting;

(2) evidence satisfactory to the board of the successful completion of an education program approved by the board;

(3) educational background;

(4) proof of a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university;

(5) credentials held in other jurisdictions;

(6) a description of any other jurisdiction's refusal to credential the applicant;

(7) a description of all professional disciplinary actions initiated against the applicant in any other jurisdiction;

- (8) any history of drug or alcohol abuse, and any misdemeanor or felony conviction;
- (9) evidence satisfactory to the board of a qualifying score on a credentialing examination within one year of the application for registration;
- (10) additional information as requested by the board;
- (11) the applicant's signature on a statement that the information in the application is true and correct to the best of the applicant's knowledge and belief; and
- (12) the applicant's signature on a waiver authorizing the board to obtain access to the applicant's records in this state or any other state in which the applicant has completed an education program approved by the board or engaged in the practice of athletic training.

Subd. 2. **Registration by equivalency.** The board may register by equivalency an applicant who:

- (1) submits the application materials and fees required under subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (8), and (10) to (12); and
- (2) provides evidence satisfactory to the board of current certification by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification.

Applicants who were certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association through the "grandfather" process prior to 1971 are exempt from completing subdivision 1, clauses (2) and (9).

Subd. 3. **Registration by reciprocity.** (a) The board may register by reciprocity an applicant who:

- (1) submits the application materials and fees required under subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (8) and (10) to (12);
- (2) provides a verified copy of a current and unrestricted credential for the practice of athletic training in another jurisdiction that has credentialing requirements equivalent to or more stringent than the requirements under subdivision 1; and
- (3) provides letters of verification from the credentialing body in each jurisdiction in which the applicant holds a credential. Each letter must include the applicant's name, date of birth, credential number, date of issuance of the credential, a statement regarding disciplinary actions taken against the applicant, and the terms under which the credential was issued.

(b) An applicant for registration by reciprocity who has applied for registration under subdivision 1 and meets the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (1), may apply to the board for temporary registration under subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Temporary registration.** (a) The board may issue a temporary registration as an athletic trainer to qualified applicants. A temporary registration is issued for one year. An athletic trainer with a temporary registration may qualify for full registration after submission of verified documentation that the athletic trainer has achieved a qualifying score on a credentialing examination within one year after the date of the temporary registration.

(b) Except as provided in subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (1), an applicant for temporary registration must submit the application materials and fees for registration required under subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (8) and (10) to (12).

(c) An athletic trainer with a temporary registration shall work only under the direct supervision of an athletic trainer registered under this section. No more than four athletic trainers with temporary registrations shall work under the direction of a registered athletic trainer.

Subd. 5. **Registration; transition period.** (a) For two years after the effective date of sections 148.7801 to 148.7815, an applicant who has not completed an accredited or approved education program and is not certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, the Board of Certification, or other national accrediting organization approved by the board, may qualify for registration. The board shall notify potential applicants of the effective date of sections 148.7801 to 148.7815 and the final date for

submitting an application for registration during this transition period. Applications for registration under this subdivision shall not be accepted after the expiration date of the two-year period.

(b) An applicant for registration during the transition period must:

(1) submit an application and fees required under subdivision 1, clauses (1) and (3) to (12);

(2) submit documentation from a licensed medical physician verifying the athletic training services provided by the applicant and that the applicant has been employed in athletic training for no less than 21 hours per week for four of the five years immediately preceding the application; and

(3) achieve a qualifying score on the written examination of the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification during the two-year transition period.

History: 1993 c 232 s 9

148.7809 REGISTRATION RENEWAL.

Subdivision 1. **Requirements for registration renewal.** A registered athletic trainer shall apply to the board for a one-year extension of registration by paying a fee under section 148.7815 and filing an application on a form provided by the board that includes:

(1) the athletic trainer's name, Minnesota athletic trainer registration number, home address and telephone number, business address and telephone number, and business setting;

(2) work history for the past year, including the average number of hours worked per week;

(3) a report of any change in status since initial registration or previous registration renewal;

(4) evidence satisfactory to the board of having met the continuing education requirements of section 148.7812;

(5) the athletic trainer's signature on a statement that a current copy of the protocol form is on file at the athletic trainer's primary employment site; and

(6) additional information as requested by the board.

Subd. 2. **Registration renewal notice.** Before June 1 of each year, the board shall send out a renewal notice to an athletic trainer's last known address on file with the board. The notice shall include an application for registration renewal and notice of the fees required for renewal. An athletic trainer who does not receive a renewal notice must still meet the requirements for registration renewal under this section.

Subd. 3. **Renewal deadline.** (a) An application for renewal of registration must be postmarked on or before July 1 of each year. If the postmark is illegible, the application is considered timely if received in the board office by the third working day after July 1.

(b) An application for renewal of registration submitted after the deadline date must include a late fee under section 148.7815.

Subd. 4. **Lapse of registration status.** An athletic trainer whose registration has lapsed must:

(1) apply for registration renewal under this section; and

(2) submit evidence satisfactory to the board from a licensed medical physician verifying employment in athletic training for eight weeks every three years during the time of the lapse in registration.

History: 1993 c 232 s 10

148.7810 BOARD ACTION ON APPLICATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Verification of application information.** The board or advisory council, with the approval of the board, may verify information provided by an applicant

for registration under section 148.7808 and registration renewal under section 148.7809 to determine whether the information is accurate and complete.

Subd. 2. **Notification of board action.** Within 120 days of receipt of the application, the board shall notify each applicant in writing of the action taken on the application.

Subd. 3. **Request for hearing by applicant denied registration.** An applicant denied registration shall be notified of the determination, and the grounds for it, and may request a hearing on the determination under Minnesota Rules, part 5615.0300, by filing a written statement of issues with the board within 20 days after receipt of the notice from the board. After the hearing, the board shall notify the applicant in writing of its decision.

History: 1993 c 232 s 11

148.7811 CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

A registered athletic trainer must notify the board, in writing, within 30 days of a change of address.

History: 1993 c 232 s 12

148.7812 CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Number of contact hours required.** An athletic trainer shall complete during every three-year period at least the equivalent of 60 contact hours of continuing professional postdegree education in programs approved by the board.

Subd. 2. **Approved programs.** The board shall approve a continuing education program that has been approved for continuing education credit by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification.

Subd. 3. **Approval of continuing education programs.** A continuing education program that has not been approved under subdivision 2 shall be approved by the board if:

(1) the program content directly relates to the practice of athletic training or sports medicine;

(2) each member of the program faculty shows expertise in the subject matter by holding a degree from an accredited education program, having verifiable experience in the field of athletic training or sports medicine, having special training in the subject area, or having experience teaching in the subject area;

(3) the program lasts at least one contact hour;

(4) there are specific written objectives describing the goals of the program for the participants; and

(5) the program sponsor maintains attendance records for four years.

Subd. 4. **Verification of continuing education credits.** The board shall periodically select a random sample of athletic trainers and require the athletic trainers to show evidence to the board of having completed the continuing education requirements attested to by the athletic trainer. Either the athletic trainer or state or national organizations that maintain continuing education records may provide to the board documentation of attendance at a continuing education program.

Subd. 5. **Restriction on continuing education topics.** To meet the continuing education requirement in subdivision 1, an athletic trainer may have no more than ten hours of continuing education in the areas of management, risk management, personal growth, and educational techniques in a three-year reporting period.

History: 1993 c 232 s 13

148.7813 DISCIPLINARY PROCESS.

Subdivision 1. **Investigation of complaints.** Upon receipt of a complaint or other communication pursuant to section 214.13, subdivision 6, that alleges or implies a violation of sections 148.7801 to 148.7815 by an applicant or registered athletic trainer, the board shall follow the procedures in section 214.10.

Subd. 2. **Grounds for disciplinary action.** The board may impose disciplinary action as described in subdivision 3 against an athletic trainer whom the board, after a hearing under the contested case provisions of chapter 14, determines:

- (1) has knowingly made a false statement on a form required by the board for registration or registration renewal;
- (2) has provided athletic training services in a manner that falls below the standard of care of the profession;
- (3) has violated sections 148.7801 to 148.7815 or the rules adopted under these sections;
- (4) is or has been afflicted with any physical, mental, emotional, or other disability, or addiction that, in the opinion of the board, adversely affects the person's ability to practice athletic training;
- (5) has failed to cooperate with an investigation by the board;
- (6) has been convicted or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to an offense that in the opinion of the board reasonably relates to the practice of athletic training or that bears on the athletic trainer's ability to practice athletic training;
- (7) has aided and abetted in any manner a person in violating sections 148.7801 to 148.7815;
- (8) has been disciplined by an agency or board of another state while in the practice of athletic training;
- (9) has shown dishonest, unethical, or unprofessional conduct while in the practice of athletic training that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public;
- (10) has violated a state or federal law, rule, or regulation that in the opinion of the board reasonably relates to the practice of athletic training;
- (11) has behaved in a sexual manner or what may reasonably be interpreted by a patient as sexual, or was verbally seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient;
- (12) has misused alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances; or
- (13) has violated an order issued by the board.

Subd. 3. **Disciplinary actions.** When grounds for disciplinary action exist under subdivision 2, the board may take one or more of the following actions:

- (1) deny the right to practice;
- (2) revoke the right to practice;
- (3) suspend the right to practice;
- (4) impose limitations on the practice of the athletic trainer;
- (5) impose conditions on the practice of the athletic trainer;
- (6) impose a civil penalty not exceeding \$10,000 for each separate violation, the amount of the civil penalty to be fixed so as to deprive the athletic trainer of any economic advantage gained by reason of the violation charged, or to discourage repeated violations;
- (7) censure or reprimand the athletic trainer; or
- (8) take any other action justified by the facts of the case.

Subd. 4. **Reinstatement.** An athletic trainer who has had registration revoked cannot apply for reinstatement. A suspended athletic trainer shall be reinstated upon evidence satisfactory to the board of fulfillment of the terms of suspension. All requirements of section 148.7809 to renew registration, if applicable, must also be met before reinstatement.

History: 1993 c 232 s 14

148.7814 APPLICABILITY.

Sections 148.7801 to 148.7815 do not apply to persons who are certified as athletic trainers by the National Athletic Trainers Association Board of Certification and come into Minnesota for a specific athletic event or series of athletic events with an individual or group.

History: 1993 c 232 s 15

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148.7815 FEES.

Subdivision 1. **Registration fee.** The fee for registration under section 148.7808 and annual renewal under section 148.7809 is \$100.

Subd. 2. **Proration of fees.** The board shall prorate the fees for registration under section 148.7808 as follows:

(1) applicants for initial registration between July 1 and December 31 shall pay the full registration fee; and

(2) applicants for initial registration between January 1 and June 30 shall pay one-half the registration fee.

Athletic trainers registered under section 148.7808 are required to pay the full fee upon registration renewal.

Subd. 3. **Penalty for a late application for registration renewal.** The penalty for late submission of a registration renewal application under section 148.7809 is \$15.

Subd. 4. **Nonrefundable fees.** The fees in this section are nonrefundable.

History: 1993 c 232 s 16

148.89 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1992]

Subd. 2a. **Client.** "Client" means a person or entity that receives, received, or should have received services from a person regulated under sections 148.88 to 148.98. For the purposes of sections 148.88 to 148.98, "client" includes patient and resident.

[For text of subds 3 to 8, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 206 s 13

148.905 DUTIES OF THE BOARD.

Subdivision 1. **General.** The board shall:

(1) adopt and enforce rules for licensing psychologists and for regulating their professional conduct. The rules must include, but are not limited to, standards for training, supervision, the practice of psychology, and any other areas covered by sections 148.88 to 148.98;

(2) adopt rules that provide for examinations and establish a code of professional ethics and requirements for continuing education;

(3) hold examinations at least once a year to assess applicants' knowledge and skills. The examinations may be written or oral or both, and may be administered by the board or by institutions or individuals designated by the board;

(4) issue licenses to individuals qualified under section 148.91, according to the procedures for licensing in Minnesota Rules;

(5) issue copies of the rules for licensing to all applicants;

(6) establish and maintain annually a register of current licenses;

(7) establish reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of licenses and other services by the board. Fees must be set to defray the cost of administering the provisions of sections 148.88 to 148.98 including applications, examinations, enforcement, and the cost of maintaining the operations of the board;

(8) educate the public about the requirements for licensing of psychologists and about the code of professional ethics, to allow consumers to file complaints against licensees who may have violated licensing requirements or professional ethics; and

(9) establish or approve programs that qualify for professional psychology continuing educational credit. The board may hire consultants, agencies, or professional psychological associations to establish and approve continuing education courses.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 206 s 14

148.921 WAIVERS.*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1992]*

Subd. 2. **Persons previously qualified.** (a) The board shall grant a license for a licensed psychologist to a person who:

(1) before November 1, 1991, entered a graduate program granting a master's degree with a major in psychology at an educational institution meeting the standards the board has established by rule and earned a master's degree or a master's equivalent in a doctoral program;

(2) before December 31, 1993, filed with the board a written declaration of intent to seek licensure under this subdivision;

(3) complied with all requirements of section 148.91, subdivisions 2 to 4, before December 31, 1997; and

(4) completed at least two full years or their equivalent of post-master's supervised psychological employment, including pre-doctoral internship, before December 31, 1998.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the board shall not grant a license for a licensed psychologist under this subdivision to a person who files a written declaration of licensure after October 31, 1992, unless the applicant demonstrates that the applicant was a resident of Minnesota on October 31, 1992, and meets all other requirements for licensure under this subdivision.

Subd. 3. **Reciprocity.** The board may grant a license without an examination to a diplomate of the American Board of Professional Psychology or to any person who at the time of application is licensed or certified by a board of another state and who meets the licensure requirements under section 148.91. The board, at its discretion, may not require the skills assessment and the examination in psychology under section 148.91, subdivision 2, if the person was licensed in another state before the examination was required for licensure in that state. An applicant for reciprocity shall pass a written, objective examination on the rules of the board of psychology and sections 148.88 to 148.98.

History: 1993 c 206 s 15,16; 1993 c 256 s 2

148.925 SUPERVISION.

Subdivision 1. **Persons qualified to provide supervision.** (a) Only the following persons are qualified to provide supervision for master's degree level applicants for licensure as a licensed psychologist:

(1) a licensed psychologist with a competency in supervision in professional psychology and in the area of practice being supervised; and

(2) a person who either is eligible for licensure as a licensed psychologist under section 148.91 or is eligible for licensure by reciprocity, and who, in the judgment of the board, is competent or experienced in supervising professional psychology and in the area of practice being supervised.

(b) Professional supervision of a doctoral level applicant for licensure as a licensed psychologist must be provided by a person:

(1) who meets the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (1) or (2), and

(2)(i) who has a doctorate degree with a major in psychology, or

(ii) who was licensed by the board as a psychologist before August 1, 1991, and is certified by the board as competent in supervision of applicants for licensure.

[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1992]

History: 1993 c 206 s 17

148.941 DENIAL, REVOCATION, AND SUSPENSION OF LICENSES; DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** Except as otherwise described in this section, all hearings shall be conducted under chapter 14.

Subd. 2. **Grounds for disciplinary action; forms of disciplinary action.** (a) The board may impose disciplinary action as described in paragraph (b) against an applicant or licensee whom the board, by a preponderance of the evidence, determines:

(1) has violated a statute, rule, or order that the board issued or is empowered to enforce;

(2) has engaged in fraudulent, deceptive, or dishonest conduct, whether or not the conduct relates to the practice of psychology, that adversely affects the person's ability or fitness to practice psychology;

(3) has engaged in unprofessional conduct or any other conduct which has the potential for causing harm to the public, including any departure from or failure to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing practice without actual injury having to be established;

(4) has been convicted of or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or crime, an element of which is dishonesty or fraud, or has been shown to have engaged in acts or practices tending to show that the applicant or licensee is incompetent or engaged in conduct reflecting adversely on the applicant's or licensee's ability or fitness to engage in the practice of psychology;

(5) has employed fraud or deception in obtaining or renewing a license, or in passing the examination;

(6) has had a psychology license, certificate, right to examine, or other similar authority revoked, suspended, canceled, limited, or not renewed for cause in any state, commonwealth, or territory of the United States, the District of Columbia, or any foreign country;

(7) has failed to meet any requirement for the issuance or renewal of the person's license;

(8) has failed to cooperate with an investigation of the board as required under subdivision 4; or

(9) has violated the code of ethics adopted by the board.

For the purposes of clause (7), the burden of proof is on the applicant to demonstrate the qualifications or satisfy the requirements for a license under sections 148.88 to 148.98.

(b) If grounds for disciplinary action exist under paragraph (a), the board may take one or more of the following actions:

(1) refuse to grant or renew a license;

(2) revoke a license;

(3) suspend a license;

(4) impose limitations or conditions on a licensee's practice of psychology, including limiting the scope of practice to designated competencies, imposing retraining or rehabilitation requirements, requiring the licensee to practice under supervision, or conditioning continued practice on the demonstration of knowledge or skill by appropriate examination or other review of skill and competence;

(5) censure or reprimand the licensee; or

(6) refuse to permit an applicant to take the licensure examination or refuse to release an applicant's examination grade if the board finds that it is in the public interest.

(c) In lieu of or in addition to paragraph (b), the board may require, as a condition of continued licensure, termination of suspension, reinstatement of license, examination, or release of examination grades, that the applicant or licensee:

(1) submit to a quality review, as specified by the board, of the applicant's or licensee's ability, skills, or quality of work; and

(2) complete to the satisfaction of the board educational courses specified by the board.

(d) Service of the order is effective if the order is served on the applicant, licensee, or counsel of record personally or by mail to the most recent address provided to the board for the licensee, applicant, or counsel of record. The order shall state the reasons for the entry of the order.

Subd. 3. **Temporary suspension of license.** (a) In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the board may temporarily suspend the credentials of a licensee after conducting a preliminary inquiry to determine if the board reasonably believes that the licensee has violated a statute or rule that the board is empowered to enforce and continued practice by the licensee would create an imminent risk of harm to others.

(b) The order may prohibit the licensee from engaging in the practice of psychology in whole or in part and may condition the end of a suspension on the licensee's compliance with a statute, rule, or order that the board has issued or is empowered to enforce.

(c) The order shall give notice of the right to a hearing pursuant to this subdivision and shall state the reasons for the entry of the order.

(d) Service of the order is effective when the order is served on the licensee personally or by certified mail which is complete upon receipt, refusal, or return for nondelivery to the most recent address provided to the board for the licensee.

(e) At the time the board issues a temporary suspension order, the board shall schedule a hearing to be held before its own members which shall begin no later than 60 days after issuance of the temporary suspension order or within 15 working days of the date of the board's receipt of a request for hearing by a licensee on the sole issue of whether there is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or lift the temporary suspension. This hearing is not subject to chapter 14. Evidence presented by the board or the licensee shall be in affidavit form only. The licensee or counsel of record may appear for oral argument.

(f) Within five working days of the hearing, the board shall issue its order and, if the suspension is continued, schedule a contested case hearing within 30 days of the issuance of the order. Notwithstanding chapter 14, the administrative law judge shall issue a report within 30 days after closing the contested case hearing record. The board shall issue a final order within 30 days of receipt of the administrative law judge's report.

Subd. 4. **Cooperation of applicant or licensee for investigations.** (a) An applicant or licensee of the board who is the subject of an investigation or who is questioned in connection with an investigation by or on behalf of the board shall cooperate fully with the investigation. Cooperation includes responding fully and promptly to any question raised by or on behalf of the board relating to the subject of the investigation, executing all releases requested by the board, providing copies of client records, as reasonably requested by the board to assist it in its investigation, and appearing at conferences or hearings scheduled by the board or its staff. The board shall pay reasonable costs for copies requested.

(b) If the board does not have a written consent from a client permitting access to the client's records, the licensee may delete any data in the record which identifies the client before providing it to the board. The board shall maintain any records obtained pursuant to this section as investigative data pursuant to chapter 13.

History: 1993 c 206 s 18

148.95 [Repealed, 1993 c 206 s 25]

148.98 CODE OF ETHICS.

The board shall adopt a code of ethics to govern an applicant's or licensee's practices or behavior. The board shall publish the code in the State Register and file the code with the secretary of state at least 30 days prior to the effective date of the code. The code of ethics shall include, but is not limited to, the principles in paragraphs (a) to (c).

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(a) The psychologist shall recognize the boundaries of the psychologist's competence and the limitation of the psychologist's techniques and shall not offer services or use techniques that fail to meet usual and customary professional standards.

(b) The psychologist who engages in practice shall assist clients in obtaining professional help for all important aspects of their problems that fall outside the boundaries of the psychologist's competence.

(c) A psychologist shall not claim either directly or by implication professional qualifications that differ from the psychologist's actual qualifications, nor shall the psychologist misrepresent the psychologist's affiliation with any institution, organization, or individual, nor lead others to assume an affiliation that does not exist.

History: 1993 c 206 s 19