

Subject Respiratory Therapy Requirements

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Summary

This bill modifies terminology to change “respiratory care” to “respiratory therapy” throughout chapter 147C and related statutes. The bill also modifies the requirements for licensure, by specifying that the credentialing exam must be a registered respiratory therapist or advanced level respiratory therapy examination.

The bill also removes entry-level and certified respiratory therapist credentials from those that can be submitted to the board for licensure, and similarly specifies that only individuals credentialed as registered respiratory therapists or advanced level respiratory therapists are eligible for licensure by reciprocity. Finally, the bill clarifies renewal provisions for applicants after July 1, 2020.