

**ADOPTED**

Senators Seabaugh of the 28th, Unterman of the 45th, McKoon of the 29th and Carter of the 1st offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend SB 100 (SB 100/HCSFA) by inserting after "programs;" on line 7 the following:*

2 to amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
3 physicians and others, so as to revise certain requirements relative to clinical perfusionists;

4 *By striking lines 64 through 68 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

5 practical nurse, as approved by the board. Such clinical experience shall be documented  
6 in writing by the applicant's immediate supervisor stating that, in his or her opinion, the  
7 applicant has exhibited the critical thinking abilities, clinical skills, and leadership abilities  
8 that would indicate the ability to work as a beginning registered professional nurse whose  
9 academic education as a licensed practical nurse included

10 *By striking lines 110 through 122 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

11 (V) If the applicant does not meet the requirements of subdivision (I), (II), (III), or (IV)  
12 of this division and the applicant Applicants who, before July 1, 2008, entered a  
13 nontraditional nursing education program before July 1, 2008, which meets the  
14 requirements of subsection (e) of this Code section and complete completes such program  
15 no later than June 30, 2011 2015, have completed a 640 hour postgraduate preceptorship  
16 arranged by the applicant under the supervision of a registered professional nurse. The  
17 preceptorship shall have prior approval of the board, and successful completion of the  
18 preceptorship shall be verified in writing by the preceptor. The preceptorship shall be in  
19 an acute care inpatient facility or a long-term acute care facility; provided, however, that  
20 the board may authorize a preceptorship pursuant to this subdivision in other facilities to  
21 obtain specialized experience in certain areas shall be deemed to meet the criteria of this  
22 paragraph; provided, however, that the board shall have the discretion to require additional  
23 clinical hours of experience of applicants who (i) did not enter the nontraditional nursing  
24 education program as a licensed practical nurse, or (ii) entered the nontraditional nursing  
25 education program as a licensed practical nurse but does not have at least one year of  
26 clinical experience in a health care facility as a licensed practical nurse, if such applicant's  
27 clinical experience is deemed lacking by the board.

28 *By striking lines 130 through 134 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

29 experience in certain areas. The preceptorship shall have prior approval of the board, and  
30 successful completion of the preceptorship shall be documented in writing by the preceptor

31 stating that, in his or her opinion, the applicant has exhibited the critical thinking abilities,  
 32 clinical skills, and leadership abilities necessary to practice as a beginning registered  
 33 professional nurse. No later than August 1, 2011, the board shall develop and make  
 34 available one or more standard forms for use by and assistance to applicants in securing  
 35 and completing preceptorships. Such form or forms shall include information relating to  
 36 the specific requirements for preceptorships, including the minimum qualifications of the  
 37 preceptor, the type of training required, and the documentation required upon completion  
 38 of the preceptorship. The board shall make the

39 *By striking lines 166 through 201 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

40 (B) If the applicant graduated from entered a nontraditional nursing education program  
 41 as a licensed practical nurse whose academic education as a licensed practical nurse  
 42 included clinical training in pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, medical-surgical, and  
 43 mental illness, have practiced nursing as a registered professional nurse in a health care  
 44 facility for at least one year in the three years preceding the date of the application, and  
 45 such practice is documented by the applicant and approved by the board; provided,  
 46 however, that for an applicant that does not meet the experience requirement of this  
 47 subparagraph, the board shall require the applicant to complete a 320 hour postgraduate  
 48 preceptorship arranged by the applicant under the oversight of a registered nurse where  
 49 such applicant is transitioned into the role of a registered professional nurse. The  
 50 preceptorship shall have prior approval of the board, and successful completion of the  
 51 preceptorship shall be verified in writing by the preceptor; or

52 (C) If the applicant entered a nontraditional nursing education program as anything  
 53 other than a licensed practical nurse whose academic education as a licensed practical  
 54 nurse included clinical training in pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology,  
 55 medical-surgical, and mental illness, and have graduated from such program and  
 56 practiced nursing as a registered professional nurse in a health care facility for less than  
 57 one year at least two years in the three five years preceding the date of the application,  
 58 and such practice is documented by the applicant and approved by the board; provided,  
 59 however, that for an applicant that does not meet the experience requirement of this  
 60 subparagraph, the board shall require the applicant to complete a, have completed a 350  
 61 hour postgraduate preceptorship of at least 480 hours but not more than 640 hours, as  
 62 determined by the board, arranged by the applicant under the oversight of a registered  
 63 professional nurse and where such applicant is transitioned from the role of a licensed  
 64 practical nurse to into the role of a registered professional nurse. The preceptorship  
 65 shall have prior approval of the board, and successful completion of the preceptorship  
 66 shall be verified in writing by the preceptor, or

67 ~~(D) If entered a nontraditional nursing education program as a military medical~~  
 68 ~~corpsman or paramedic and graduated from such program and practiced nursing as a~~  
 69 ~~registered professional nurse in a health care facility for less than one year in the three~~  
 70 ~~years preceding the date of the application, have completed a 700-hour postgraduate~~  
 71 ~~preceptorship arranged by the applicant under the oversight of a registered professional~~  
 72 ~~nurse. Such preceptorship shall include clinical practice in a health care facility in~~  
 73 ~~pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, medical-surgical, mental illness, and transition~~  
 74 ~~into the role of a registered professional nurse. The preceptorship shall have prior~~  
 75 ~~approval of the board, and successful completion of the preceptorship shall be verified~~  
 76 ~~in writing by the preceptor;~~

77 For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'health care facility' means an acute care  
 78 inpatient facility, a long-term acute care facility, an ambulatory surgical center or  
 79 obstetrical facility as defined in Code Section 31-6-2, and a skilled nursing facility, so  
 80 long as such skilled nursing facility has 100 beds or more and provides health care to  
 81 patients with similar health care needs as those patients in a long-term acute care facility;

82 *By inserting between lines 226 and 227 the following:*

83 **SECTION 1D.**

84 Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians and  
 85 others, is amended by revising the last sentence of paragraph (1) and adding a new paragraph  
 86 to subsection (a) of Code Section 43-34-11, relating to continuing education, as follows:

87 "This paragraph shall not apply to respiratory care professionals, ~~or persons seeking~~  
 88 ~~renewal of certification as respiratory care professionals, clinical perfusionists, or persons~~  
 89 ~~seeking renewal of licensure as a clinical perfusionist."~~

90 "(3) The board shall be authorized to require persons seeking renewal of licensure as  
 91 clinical perfusionists under Article 7 of this chapter to complete board approved  
 92 continuing education. The board shall be authorized to establish the number of hours of  
 93 continuing education required biennially for renewal of licensure as a clinical perfusionist  
 94 and the categories in which these hours should be earned. The board shall be authorized  
 95 to approve courses offered by institutions of higher learning, specialty societies, or  
 96 professional organizations. Any action taken by the board pursuant to this paragraph  
 97 shall be taken in conformity with the provisions of Code Section 43-34-172."

98 **SECTION 1E.**

99 Said chapter is further amended by revising paragraph (6) of Code Section 43-34-171,  
 100 relating to definitions relative to the "Clinical Perfusionist Licensure Act," as follows:

101       “(6) 'Perfusion' means the functions necessary for the support, treatment, measurement,  
 102       or supplementation of the cardiovascular, circulatory, or respiratory system or other  
 103       organ, or a combination of such activities, and to ensure the safe management of  
 104       physiologic functions by monitoring and analyzing the parameters of the systems under  
 105       the order and supervision of a physician, including, but not limited to:

106       ~~(A) The use of extracorporeal circulation; long-term cardiopulmonary support~~  
 107       ~~techniques, including extracorporeal carbon dioxide removal and extracorporeal~~  
 108       ~~membrane oxygenation; and associated therapeutic and diagnostic technologies;~~

109       ~~(B) Counterpulsation, ventricular assistance, autotransfusion, blood conservation~~  
 110       ~~techniques, myocardial and organ preservation, extracorporeal life support, and isolated~~  
 111       ~~limb perfusion;~~

112       ~~(C) The use of techniques involving blood management, advanced life support, and~~  
 113       ~~other related functions;~~

114       ~~(D) In the performance of the acts described in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of this~~  
 115       ~~paragraph:~~

116       ~~(i) The administration of:~~

117           ~~(I) Pharmacological and therapeutic agents; or~~

118           ~~(II) Blood products or anesthetic agents through the extracorporeal circuit or~~  
 119           ~~through an intravenous line as ordered by a physician; or~~

120       ~~(ii) The performance and use of:~~

121           ~~(I) Coagulation monitoring and analysis;~~

122           ~~(II) Physiologic monitoring and analysis;~~

123           ~~(III) Blood gas and chemistry monitoring and analysis;~~

124           ~~(IV) Hematological monitoring and analysis;~~

125           ~~(V) Hypothermia and hyperthermia;~~

126           ~~(VI) Hemoconcentration and hemodilution; and~~

127           ~~(VII) Hemodialysis; and~~

128       ~~(E) The observation of signs and symptoms related to perfusion services, the~~  
 129       ~~determination of whether the signs and symptoms exhibit abnormal characteristics, and~~  
 130       ~~the implementation of appropriate reporting, clinical perfusion protocols, or changes~~  
 131       ~~in, or the initiation of, emergency procedures.~~

132       (A) Extracorporeal support, including:

133           (i) Cardiopulmonary bypass for adult, pediatric, and neonatal patients;

134           (ii) Cardiopulmonary bypass for congenital and acquired cardiovascular disorders;

135           (iii) Extracorporeal circulatory support for renal, neurological, hepatic, and vascular  
 136           surgery;

137           (iv) Extracorporeal resuscitation; and

- 138 (v) Extracorporeal circulation for long-term support of failing respiratory or cardiac  
 139 function, or both;
- 140 (B) Associated extracorporeal support functions, including:
- 141 (i) Myocardial protection;  
 142 (ii) Hemofiltration and hemodialysis;  
 143 (iii) Anticoagulation and hemostasis monitoring, analysis, and intervention;  
 144 (iv) Thermal regulation, including hypothermia and hyperthermia;  
 145 (v) Blood gas and blood chemistry monitoring, analysis, and intervention;  
 146 (vi) Physiological monitoring, analysis, and intervention; and  
 147 (vii) Administration of blood components, pharmaceuticals, chemotherapeutic, and  
 148 anesthetic agents as directed by a licensed physician;
- 149 (C) Heart failure therapy and support, including:
- 150 (i) Ventricular assist device management;  
 151 (ii) Intra-aortic balloon counterpulsation;  
 152 (iii) Temporary pacemaker management;  
 153 (iv) External counterpulsation;  
 154 (v) Transportation of patient on extracorporeal support; and  
 155 (vi) Periodic flow augmentation therapy;
- 156 (D) Blood management, including:
- 157 (i) Autotransfusion;  
 158 (ii) Platelet concentrate; and  
 159 (iii) Nondifferentiated progenitor cell harvest; and
- 160 (E) Other clinical functions, including:
- 161 (i) Isolated limb and organ perfusion;  
 162 (ii) Isolated limb and organ delivery of chemotherapeutics, progenitor cells, gene  
 163 therapy vectors, and related matters;  
 164 (iii) Organ preservation;  
 165 (iv) Thermogenic lavage;  
 166 (v) Electrophysiological analysis; and  
 167 (vi) Intravascular membrane oxygenation.
- 168 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prevent any licensed health care  
 169 professional from performing any functions for which such health care professional is  
 170 legally authorized to perform."

171 **SECTION 1F.**

172 Said chapter is further amended by revising subsections (a), (b), (f), and (g) in Code Section  
 173 43-34-174, relating to licenses, as follows:

174 "(a) A license is not the property of the holder but is the property of the board. A license  
175 to practice perfusion ~~is~~ shall be valid for two years. The board may provide that licenses  
176 expire on various dates. A person may renew an unexpired license by submitting proof of  
177 ~~current certification by the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (ABCP) or its~~  
178 ~~successor~~ and compliance with the continuing professional education requirements  
179 prescribed by the board and paying the required renewal fee to the board before the  
180 expiration date of the license.

181 (b) The license holder ~~must~~ shall:

182 (1) Display the license in an appropriate and public manner; or

183 (2) Maintain on file at all times during which the license holder provides services in a  
184 health care facility a true and correct copy of the license certificate in the appropriate  
185 records of the facility and keep the board informed of any change of address."

186 "(f) If a person's license has been expired for more than three months, the person may not  
187 renew the license. The person may obtain a new license by ~~submitting to reexamination~~  
188 ~~and~~ complying with the current requirements and procedures for obtaining a license.

189 ~~(g) The board may reinstate without reexamination an expired license of a person who was~~  
190 ~~licensed in this state, moved to another state or states, is currently licensed or certified, and~~  
191 ~~has been in practice in another state or states for two years immediately preceding the~~  
192 ~~person's application to reinstate a license. The person shall pay the required fee as~~  
193 ~~established by the board."~~