



COMMITTEE REPORT

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 180, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

- 1 Page 1, delete lines 1 through 15.
- 2 Delete pages 2 through 8.
- 3 Page 9, delete lines 1 through 39.
- 4 Page 9, line 42, strike "(a)".
- 5 Page 10, delete lines 4 through 7, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 6 "~~(b) A home health aide competency evaluation program must~~
- 7 ~~include at least seventy-five (75) hours of training. At least sixteen (16)~~
- 8 ~~hours of classroom training must occur before supervised practical~~
- 9 ~~training."~~
- 10 Page 10, delete lines 18 through 42.
- 11 Delete pages 11 through 13.
- 12 Page 14, delete lines 1 through 11.
- 13 Page 17, delete lines 5 through 42, begin a new paragraph and
- 14 insert:
- 15 "SECTION 24. IC 25-34.5-2-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. (a) Each applicant
- 17 for licensure as a respiratory care practitioner must present satisfactory
- 18 evidence that the applicant:
- 19 (1) does not have a conviction for:

- 1 (A) an act that would constitute a ground for disciplinary
 2 sanction under IC 25-1-9; or
 3 (B) a crime that has a direct bearing on the practitioner's
 4 ability to practice competently;
 5 (2) has not been the subject of a disciplinary action initiated by
 6 the licensing or certification agency of another state or
 7 jurisdiction on the grounds that the applicant was unable to
 8 practice as a respiratory care practitioner without endangering the
 9 public; and
 10 (3) has **either:**
 11 (A) **before January 1, 2028,** passed a respiratory care
 12 practitioner licensing or certification examination approved by
 13 the board; or
 14 (B) **after December 31, 2027, successfully completed both**
 15 **portions of the registered respiratory therapist**
 16 **examination, administered by the National Board for**
 17 **Respiratory Care or its successor organization.**
 18 (b) Each applicant for licensure as a respiratory care practitioner
 19 must submit proof to the committee of the applicant's:
 20 (1) graduation from a school or program of respiratory care that
 21 meets standards set by the board;
 22 (2) completion of a United States military training program in
 23 respiratory care; or
 24 (3) completion of sufficient postsecondary education to be
 25 credentialed by a national respiratory care practitioner
 26 organization approved by the committee.
 27 (c) At the time of making application, each applicant must pay a fee
 28 determined by the board after consideration of a recommendation of
 29 the committee.
 30 SECTION 25. IC 25-34.5-2-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2015,
 31 SECTION 75, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 32 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) Except as provided in section 11 of this
 33 chapter, the committee shall issue a license to each applicant who
 34 ~~(1) successfully passes the examination provided in section 12 of~~
 35 ~~this chapter; and~~
 36 ~~(2) meets the requirements of section 8 of this chapter.~~
 37 (b) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), a license issued under this section
 38 expires on the last day of the regular renewal cycle established under

1 IC 25-1-5-4.

2 SECTION 26. IC 25-34.5-2-10.1, AS AMENDED BY
3 P.L.149-2022, SECTION 12, IS AMENDED TO READ AS
4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10.1. (a) The
5 committee shall issue a temporary permit to a person to practice
6 respiratory care or to profess to be a respiratory care practitioner, not
7 more than thirty (30) days after the application is filed and completed,
8 if the person pays a fee and:

9 (1) has:

10 (A) a valid license or certificate to practice from another state;
11 and

12 (B) applied for a license from the committee;

13 (2) is practicing in a state that does not license or certify
14 respiratory care practitioners but is credentialed by a national
15 respiratory care practitioner association approved by the
16 committee, and the person has applied for a license from the
17 committee; or

18 (3) ~~has:~~

19 ~~(A) been approved by the committee to take the next~~
20 ~~examination; and~~

21 ~~(B) graduated from a school or program approved by the~~
22 ~~committee. **is qualified to take the examination by being a**~~
23 ~~**graduate of a school or program of respiratory care that**~~
24 ~~**meets standards set by the board.**~~

25 (b) A temporary permit expires the earlier of:

26 (1) the date the person holding the permit is issued a license under
27 this article; or

28 (2) the date the committee disapproves the person's license
29 application.

30 (c) The committee may renew a temporary permit if the person
31 holding the permit was scheduled to take the ~~next~~ examination and:

32 (1) did not take the examination; and

33 (2) shows good cause for not taking the examination.

34 (d) A permit renewed under subsection (c) expires on the date the
35 person holding the permit receives the results from the ~~next~~
36 examination given after the permit was issued.

37 SECTION 27. IC 25-34.5-2-12 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
38 1, 2026]. ~~Sec. 12: (a) Examinations of applicants for licensure under~~

1 this article shall be held at least semiannually on dates set by the board:

2 (b) An examination under this section must include a written
3 examination that tests the following:

4 (1) The applicant's knowledge of the basic and clinical sciences
5 as they relate to the practice of respiratory care:

6 (2) Other subjects that the committee considers useful to test an
7 applicant's fitness to practice respiratory care:

8 (c) An otherwise qualified applicant who fails an examination and
9 is refused licensure may take another scheduled examination upon
10 payment of an additional fee set by the board under rules adopted under
11 section 7 of this chapter.

12 SECTION 28. IC 25-34.5-2-14, AS AMENDED BY P.L.152-2024,
13 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
14 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) The committee shall issue a student permit
15 to an individual if the individual does the following:

16 (1) Submits the appropriate application to the committee.

17 (2) Pays the fee established by the board.

18 (3) Submits written proof to the committee that the individual is
19 a student in good standing in a respiratory care school or program
20 that: ~~has been:~~

21 (A) ~~has been~~ approved by the committee for purposes of
22 section 8(b)(1) of this chapter;

23 (B) ~~approved by the committee for purposes of section~~
24 ~~10.1(a)(3)(B)~~ **is described in section 10.1(a)(3)** of this
25 chapter; or

26 (C) **has been** otherwise approved by the committee.

27 (4) Submits satisfactory evidence that the individual:

28 (A) does not have a conviction described in section 8(a)(1) of
29 this chapter; and

30 (B) has not been the subject of a disciplinary action described
31 in section 8(a)(2) of this chapter.

32 (b) The committee shall issue a student permit as soon as it is
33 reasonably practicable after an individual fulfills the requirements of
34 subsection (a).

35 (c) An individual who holds a student permit may only perform
36 respiratory care procedures that have been part of a course:

37 (1) the individual has successfully completed in the respiratory
38 care program designated under subsection (a)(3); and

- 1 (2) for which the successful completion has been documented and
2 that is available upon request to the committee.
- 3 (d) The committee may expand the list of respiratory care
4 procedures that an individual may perform under the individual's
5 student permit to include additional respiratory care procedures that
6 have been part of a course:
- 7 (1) that the individual has successfully completed in the
8 respiratory care program designated under subsection (a)(3); and
9 (2) for which the individual's successful completion has been
10 documented.
- 11 Upon request by the committee, the individual shall provide
12 documentation of the successful completion of a course described in
13 this subsection.
- 14 (e) The procedures permitted under subsections (c) and (d) may be
15 performed only:
- 16 (1) on patients who are not critical care patients; and
17 (2) under the proximate supervision of a practitioner.
- 18 (f) A holder of a student permit shall meet in person at least one (1)
19 time each working day with the permit holder's supervising practitioner
20 or a designated respiratory care practitioner to review the permit
21 holder's clinical activities. The supervising practitioner or a designated
22 respiratory care practitioner shall review and countersign the entries
23 that the permit holder makes in a patient's medical record not more
24 than seven (7) calendar days after the permit holder makes the entries.
- 25 (g) A supervising practitioner may not supervise at one (1) time
26 more than three (3) holders of student permits issued under this section.
- 27 (h) A student permit expires on the earliest of the following:
- 28 (1) The date the permit holder is issued a license under this
29 article.
- 30 (2) The date the committee disapproves the permit holder's
31 application for a license under this article.
- 32 (3) The date the permit holder ceases to be a student in good
33 standing in a respiratory care program approved by the
34 committee. The graduation of a student permit holder from a
35 respiratory care program approved by the committee does not
36 cause the student permit to expire under this subdivision.
- 37 (4) Sixty (60) days after the date that the permit holder graduates
38 from a respiratory care program approved by the committee.

- 1 (5) The date that the permit holder is notified that the permit
 2 holder has failed the licensure examination.
 3 (6) Two (2) years after the date of issuance."
 4 Delete pages 18 through 25.
 5 Page 26, delete lines 1 through 22.
 6 Page 32, between lines 40 and 41, begin a new paragraph and insert:
 7 "SECTION 47. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] **(a) The**
 8 **legislative council is urged to assign to an appropriate study**
 9 **committee the task of studying fraud in the health care system,**
 10 **including Medicaid and other local or state health programs.**
 11 **(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028."**
 12 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
 (Reference is to SB 180 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass and be reassigned to the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

Committee Vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0.

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Chairperson