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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 16-27.5-5-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.143-2025,
2 SECTION 24, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 (RETROACTIVE)]: Sec. 5. (a) A home health
4 aide competency evaluation program must:

5 (1) operate in accordance with 42 CFR 484.80; and
6 (2) address each topic described in section 4(a) of this chapter.

7 (b) **Beginning July 1, 2026**, a home health aide competency
8 evaluation program must include at least seventy-five (75) hours of
9 training. At least sixteen (16) hours of classroom training must occur
10 before supervised practical training.

11 SECTION 2. IC 16-41-14-17 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
12 1, 2026]. Sec. 17. (a) This section does not apply to a person who
13 transfers for research purposes semen that contains antibodies for the
14 human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

15 (b) A person who, for the purpose of artificial insemination,

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1 recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally donates, sells, or transfers semen
 2 that contains antibodies for the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)
 3 commits transferring contaminated semen, a Level 5 felony. The
 4 offense is a Level 4 felony if the offense results in the transmission of
 5 the virus to another person.

6 SECTION 3. IC 25-13-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.103-2011,
 7 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 8 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 4. (a) Any person desiring to practice dental
 9 hygiene in Indiana must procure from the board a license to practice
 10 dental hygiene. To procure a license, the applicant must submit to the
 11 board proof of graduation from an institution for educating dental
 12 hygienists that is approved by the board **described in section 6(2) of**
 13 **this chapter** and other credentials required by this chapter, together
 14 with an application on forms prescribed and furnished by the board.
 15 Each applicant must pay to the board an application fee set by the
 16 board under section 5 of this chapter at the time the application is made
 17 and must pass an examination administered by an entity approved by
 18 the board. The board may establish under section 5 of this chapter
 19 additional requirements as a prerequisite to taking an examination for
 20 any applicant who has failed the examination two (2) or more times.
 21 Application fees are not refundable.

22 (b) An applicant described under subsection (a) shall, at the
 23 request of the board, make an appearance before the board.

24 SECTION 4. IC 25-13-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The board shall
 26 enforce this chapter.

27 (b) The board may adopt rules consistent with this chapter and
 28 with IC 25-14-1 necessary for the proper enforcement of this chapter,
 29 the examination of dental hygienists, **the educational requirements**
 30 **described in section 6(2) of this chapter**, and for the conduct of the
 31 practice of dental hygiene.

32 (c) The board may utilize a dental hygienist education program's
 33 accreditation by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the
 34 American Dental Association as evidence that the program has met all
 35 or part of the standards for dental hygienist education programs
 36 established by the board.

37 SECTION 5. IC 25-13-1-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.264-2013,
 38 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 39 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 6. An applicant:

40 (1) must not have been convicted of a crime that has a direct
 41 bearing on the applicant's ability to practice competently;



1 (2) must be a graduate of a:

2 (A) school for dental hygienists that:

- (A) (i) is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association;
- (B) (ii) is recognized by the board; and
- (C) (iii) requires a formal course of training of not less than two (2) years of eight (8) months each; or

- (i) dental surgery; or
- (ii) dental medicine;

determined and approved by the board;

13 (3) must pass an examination administered by an entity approved
14 by the board; and

15 (4) may not take the examination described in subdivision (3)
16 more than three (3) times; **and**

20 SECTION 6. IC 25-13-1-10.7, AS ADDED BY P.L.35-2020,
21 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
22 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10.7. (a) A dental hygienist or dental assistant (as
23 defined in IC 25-14-1-1.5(4)) may administer nitrous oxide under the
24 direct supervision of a licensed dentist if the dental hygienist or dental
25 assistant has:

26 (1) either:

27 (A) been employed in a dental practice for at least one (1)
28 year; or

(D) has graduated from a program:
(i) accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association; or

31 Accreditation of the Prince
32 (ii) approved by the board

(2) satisfactorily completed a three (3) hour didactic nitrous oxide administration course **that**:

(A) containing contains curricu-

35 (A) containing contains curriculum on pharmacology,
36 biochemistry, anatomy of nitrous oxide administration,
37 emergency procedures, and the mechanics of operating a
38 nitrous unit: **and**

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4 (b) The licensed Indiana dentist supervising the clinical
5 competency under subsection (a)(3) shall provide to the dental
6 hygienist or dental assistant a signed affidavit certifying the
7 competency.

(c) Upon receipt of the affidavit provided to a dental hygienist or dental assistant under subsection (b), the provider of an educational program or curriculum described in subsection (a)(2) shall issue a certificate of completion to the dental hygienist or dental assistant. The certificate of completion must be publicly displayed in the dental office of the dental hygienist or dental assistant.

16 (1) verify that the dental hygienist or dental assistant has
17 completed the requirements of subsection (a);

18 (2) determine the maximum percent-dosage of nitrous oxide to
19 be administered to the patient; and

20 (3) ensure that any administration or monitoring of nitrous oxide
21 by dental hygienists or dental assistants is done in accordance
22 with relevant guidelines and standards developed by the
23 American Dental Association or the American Academy of
24 Pediatric Dentistry.

25 SECTION 7. IC 25-14-1-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.264-2013,
26 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
27 JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 3. (a) A person desiring to begin the practice of
28 dentistry in Indiana shall procure from the board a license to practice
29 dentistry in Indiana. Except as provided in section 4.5 of this chapter,
30 to procure the license, the applicant must submit to the board proof of
31 graduation from a dental college recognized by the board. The board
32 may recognize dental schools accredited by the Commission on Dental
33 Accreditation of the American Dental Association, if the board is
34 satisfied that the recognition is consistent with the board's
35 requirements. Every applicant must pass an examination administered
36 by an entity approved by the board and, **except as provided in**
37 **subsection (b),** may not take the examination more than three (3)
38 times.



1 **the applicant may take the examination again.**

2 **(b) (c)** A fee paid under this article may not be refunded.

3 **SECTION 8. IC 35-52-16-58 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY**

4 **1, 2026]. See. 58. IC 16-41-14-17 defines a crime concerning**

5 **communicable diseases.**

6 **SECTION 9. IC 36-8-4-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.66-2020,**

7 **SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE**

8 **JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 5. (a) The following definitions apply**

9 **throughout this section:**

10 **(1) "Firefighter" means a current or former firefighter.**

11 **(2) "Police officer" means a current or former police officer.**

12 **(a) (b)** A city shall pay for the care of a police officer or firefighter

13 who suffers an injury while performing the person's duty or while the

14 person is on duty or who contracts illness caused by the performance

15 of the person's duty, including an injury or illness that results in a

16 disability or death presumed incurred in the line of duty under

17 IC 5-10-13. This care includes:

18 **(1) medical and surgical care;**

19 **(2) medicines and laboratory, curative, and palliative agents and**

20 **means;**

21 **(3) X-ray, diagnostic, and therapeutic service, including during**

22 **the recovery period; and**

23 **(4) hospital and special nursing care if the physician or surgeon**

24 **in charge considers it necessary for proper recovery.**

25 **(b) (c)** Expenditures required by subsection **(a) (b)** shall be paid

26 from the general fund of the city.

27 **(c) (d)** A city that has paid for the care of a police officer or

28 firefighter under subsection **(a) (b)** has a cause of action for

29 reimbursement of the amount paid under subsection **(a) (b)** against any

30 third party against whom the police officer or firefighter has a cause of

31 action for an injury sustained because of or an illness caused by the

32 third party. The city's cause of action under this subsection is in

33 addition to, and not in lieu of, the cause of action of the police officer

34 or firefighter against the third party.

35 **(e) The medical benefits under this section are independent**

36 **and distinct from any medical benefits that are available under**

37 **IC 22-3. A police officer or firefighter may recover medical**

38 **benefits under this section without first pursuing a claim for**

39 **medical benefits under IC 22-3. If a police officer or firefighter**

40 **pursues a claim for medical benefits under IC 22-3 and the claim**

41 **is withdrawn or denied, the police officer or firefighter is not**



1 **precluded from recovering medical benefits under this section.**

2 SECTION 10. IC 36-8-4.3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 2. **(a) The following**
 4 **definitions apply throughout this section:**

5 **(1) "Firefighter" means a current or former full-time, paid**
 6 **firefighter.**

7 **(2) "Police officer" means a current or former full-time, paid**
 8 **police officer.**

9 **(a) (b) A special service district shall pay for the care of:**

10 **(1) a full-time, paid police officer who:**

11 **(A) suffers an injury; or**

12 **(B) contracts an illness;**

13 **during the performance of the police officer's duty; or**

14 **(2) a full-time, paid firefighter who:**

15 **(A) suffers an injury; or**

16 **(B) contracts an illness;**

17 **during the performance of the firefighter's duty.**

18 **(b) (c) The special service district shall pay for the following**
 19 **expenses incurred by a police officer or firefighter described in**
 20 **subsection (a): (b):**

21 **(1) Medical and surgical care.**

22 **(2) Medicines and laboratory, curative, and palliative agents and**
 23 **means.**

24 **(3) X-ray, diagnostic, and therapeutic service, including during**
 25 **the recovery period.**

26 **(4) Hospital and special nursing care if the physician or surgeon**
 27 **in charge considers it necessary for proper recovery.**

28 **(c) (d) Expenditures required by subsection (a) (b) or (c) shall be**
 29 **paid from the general fund of the special service district.**

30 **(d) (e) A special service district that has paid for the care of a**
 31 **police officer or firefighter under subsection (a) (b) or (c) has a cause**
 32 **of action for reimbursement of the amount paid under subsection (a)**
 33 **(b) or (c) against any third party against whom the police officer or**
 34 **firefighter has a cause of action for an injury sustained because of, or**
 35 **an illness caused by, the third party. The special service district's cause**
 36 **of action under this subsection is in addition to, and not in lieu of, the**
 37 **cause of action of the police officer or firefighter against the third**
 38 **party.**

39 **(f) The medical benefits under this section are independent and**
 40 **distinct from any medical benefits that are available under IC 22-3.**
 41 **A police officer or firefighter may recover medical benefits under**



1 **this section without first pursuing a claim for medical benefits**
 2 **under IC 22-3. If the police officer or firefighter pursues a claim**
 3 **for medical benefits under IC 22-3 and the claim is withdrawn or**
 4 **denied, the police officer or firefighter is not precluded from**
 5 **recovering medical benefits under this section.**

6 SECTION 11. IC 36-8-4.5-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 7 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 8 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 10. (a) A town shall pay for the
 9 care of a current or retired full-time paid member of a town fire
 10 department who suffers an injury while performing the person's
 11 duty or while the person is on duty or who contracts illness caused
 12 by the performance of the person's duty, including an injury or
 13 illness that results in a disability or death presumed incurred in the
 14 line of duty under IC 5-10-13. This care includes:

- 15 (1) medical and surgical care;
- 16 (2) medicines and laboratory, curative, and palliative agents
 17 and means;
- 18 (3) X-ray, diagnostic, and therapeutic service, including
 19 during the recovery period; and
- 20 (4) hospital and special nursing care if the physician or
 21 surgeon in charge considers it necessary for proper recovery.

22 (b) Expenditures required by subsection (a) shall be paid from
 23 the general fund of the town.

24 (c) A town that has paid for the care of a member of a town
 25 fire department under subsection (a) has a cause of action for
 26 reimbursement of the amount paid under subsection (a) against
 27 any third party against whom the member of the town fire
 28 department has a cause of action for an injury sustained because
 29 of or an illness caused by the third party. The town's cause of
 30 action under this subsection is in addition to, and not in lieu of, the
 31 cause of action of the member of the town fire department against
 32 the third party.

33 (d) The medical benefits under this section are independent
 34 and distinct from any medical benefits that are available under
 35 IC 22-3. A current or retired full-time paid member of a town fire
 36 department may recover benefits under this section without first
 37 pursuing a claim for medical benefits under IC 22-3. If a current
 38 or retired full-time paid member of a town fire department
 39 pursues a claim for medical benefits under IC 22-3 and the claim
 40 is withdrawn or denied, the current or retired full-time paid
 41 member of the town fire department is not precluded from
 42 recovering medical benefits under this section.



1 SECTION 12. IC 36-8-9-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 8. **(a) As used in this**
 3 **section, "police officer" means a current or former full-time, paid**
 4 **police officer.**

5 **(a) (b)** A town shall pay for the care of a ~~full-time~~, paid police
 6 officer who:

- 7 (1) suffers an injury; or
- 8 (2) contracts an illness;

9 during the performance of the **police** officer's duty.

10 **(b) (c)** The town shall pay for the following expenses incurred by
 11 a police officer described in subsection **(a) (b):**

- 12 (1) Medical and surgical care.
- 13 (2) Medicines and laboratory, curative, and palliative agents and
 14 means.
- 15 (3) X-ray, diagnostic, and therapeutic service, including during
 16 the recovery period.
- 17 (4) Hospital and special nursing care if the physician or surgeon
 18 in charge considers it necessary for proper recovery.

19 **(c) (d)** Expenditures required by subsection **(a) (b) or (c)** shall be
 20 paid from the general fund of the town.

21 **(d) (e)** A town that has paid for the care of a police officer under
 22 subsection **(a) (b) or (c)** has a cause of action for reimbursement of the
 23 amount paid under subsection **(a) (b) or (c)** against any third party
 24 against whom the police officer has a cause of action for an injury
 25 sustained because of, or an illness caused by, the third party. The
 26 town's cause of action under this subsection is in addition to, and not
 27 in lieu of, the cause of action of the police officer against the third
 28 party.

29 **(f) The medical benefits under this section are independent and**
 30 **distinct from any medical benefits that are available under IC 22-3.**
 31 **A police officer may recover medical benefits under this section**
 32 **without first pursuing a claim for medical benefits under IC 22-3.**
 33 **If the police officer pursues a claim for medical benefits under**
 34 **IC 22-3 and the claim is withdrawn or denied, the police officer is**
 35 **not precluded from recovering medical benefits under this section.**

36 SECTION 13. IC 36-8-11-27 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 37 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 27. **(a) As used in this**
 38 **section, "firefighter" means a current or former full-time, paid**
 39 **firefighter.**

40 **(a) (b)** A fire protection district shall pay for the care of a
 41 ~~full-time~~, paid firefighter who: **suffers:**



(1) suffers an injury; or
(2) contracts an illness;
during the performance of the firefighter's duties.

(b) (c) The fire protection district shall pay for the following expenses incurred by a firefighter described in subsection (a): (b):
(1) Medical and surgical care.
(2) Medicines and laboratory, curative, and palliative agents and means.
(3) X-ray, diagnostic, and therapeutic service, including service provided during the recovery period.
(4) Hospital and special nursing care if the physician or surgeon in charge considers it necessary for proper recovery.

(c) (d) Expenditures required by subsection (a) (b) or (c) shall be paid from the fund used by the fire protection district for payment of the costs attributable to providing fire protection services in the fire protection district.

(d) (e) A fire protection district that has paid for the care of a firefighter under subsection (a) (b) or (c) has a cause of action for reimbursement of the amount paid under subsection (a) (b) or (c) against any third party against whom the firefighter has a cause of action for:
(1) an injury sustained because of; or
(2) an illness caused by;
the third party. The fire protection district's cause of action under this subsection is in addition to, and not instead of, the cause of action of the firefighter against the third party.

(f) The medical benefits under this section are independent and distinct from any medical benefits that are available under IC 22-3. A firefighter may recover medical benefits under this section without first pursuing a claim for medical benefits under IC 22-3. If the firefighter pursues a claim for medical benefits under IC 22-3 and the claim is withdrawn or denied, the firefighter is not precluded from recovering medical benefits under this section.

SECTION 14. IC 36-8-13-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.236-2023, SECTION 207, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 9. (a) As used in this section, "firefighter" means a current or former full-time, paid firefighter.

(b) A township shall pay for the care of a full-time, paid firefighter who: suffers:
(1) suffers an injury; or
(2) contracts an illness;

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1 during the performance of the firefighter's duty.

2 ~~(b)~~ (c) The township shall pay for the following expenses incurred
3 by a firefighter described in subsection ~~(a)~~ (b):

4 (1) Medical and surgical care.

5 (2) Medicines and laboratory, curative, and palliative agents and
6 means.

7 (3) X-ray, diagnostic, and therapeutic service, including during
8 the recovery period.

9 (4) Hospital and special nursing care if the physician or surgeon
10 in charge considers it necessary for proper recovery.

11 ~~(c)~~ (d) Expenditures required by subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) or (c) shall be
12 paid from the township firefighting and emergency services fund
13 established by section 4(a)(1) of this chapter or the township
14 firefighting fund established ~~in~~ by section 4(a)(2)(A) of this chapter, as
15 applicable.

16 ~~(d)~~ (e) A township that has paid for the care of a firefighter under
17 subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) or (c) has a cause of action for reimbursement of the
18 amount paid under subsection ~~(a)~~ (b) or (c) against any third party
19 against whom the firefighter has a cause of action for an injury
20 sustained because of, or an illness caused by, the third party. The
21 township's cause of action under this subsection is in addition to, and
22 not in lieu of, the cause of action of the firefighter against the third
23 party.

24 (f) **The medical benefits under this section are independent and
25 distinct from any medical benefits that are available under IC 22-3.
26 A firefighter may recover medical benefits under this section
27 without first pursuing a claim for medical benefits under IC 22-3.
28 If the firefighter pursues a claim for medical benefits under
29 IC 22-3 and the claim is withdrawn or denied, the firefighter is not
30 precluded from recovering medical benefits under this section.**

31 SECTION 15. IC 36-8-19-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026]: Sec. 14. (a) **As used in this
33 section, "firefighter" means a current or former full-time, paid
34 firefighter.**

35 (b) A provider unit shall pay for the care of a full-time, paid
36 firefighter who:

37 (1) suffers an injury; or

38 (2) contracts an illness;

39 during the performance of the firefighter's duty.

40 (b) (c) The provider unit shall pay for the following expenses
41 incurred by a firefighter described in subsection ~~(a)~~ (b):



8 (c) Expenditures required by subsection (a) (b) or (c) shall be
9 paid from the fund used by the provider unit for payment of the costs
10 attributable to providing fire protection services in the provider unit.

26 SECTION 16. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) The
27 legislative council is urged to assign to an appropriate study
28 committee the task of studying fraud in the health care system,
29 including Medicaid and other local or state health programs.

30 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2028.

31 SECTION 17. An emergency is declared for this act.

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