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4 SYNOPSIS:

5 Under existing law, the Alabama State Board of
6 Respiratory Therapy regulates the practice of
7 respiratory therapy in this state.

8 This bill would authorize respiratory therapists
9 to practice under the direction of an advanced practice
10 healthcare provider in addition to a physician.

11 This bill would revise the requirements that
12 must be satisfied by an individual to be licensed by
13 the board.

14 This bill would add a member to the board.

15 This bill would further provide for the issuance
16 and privileges of temporary licenses.

17 This bill would also provide criminal penalties
18 for fraudulently obtaining a license or holding one's
19 self out as a licensed respiratory therapist without a
20 license.

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24 A BILL

25 TO BE ENTITLED

26 AN ACT

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28 Relating to the Alabama State Board of Respiratory

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29 Therapy; to amend Sections 34-27B-2, 34-27B-3, 34-27B-4,
30 34-27B-5, 34-27B-7, 34-27B-8, 34-27B-9, and 34-27B-11, Code of
31 Alabama 1975, to authorize respiratory therapists to practice
32 under certain advanced practice health care providers; to
33 further provide for and revise requirements for licensure; to
34 further provide for the duties and composition of the board;
35 to further provide for temporary licenses; to add Section
36 34-27B-8.1 to the Code of Alabama 1975, to provide criminal
37 penalties for certain actions; and to repeal Section
38 34-27B-12, Code of Alabama 1975, requiring the board to
39 provide notice of regulations to respiratory therapists
40 practicing on May 17, 2004.

41 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

42 Section 1. Sections 34-27B-2, 34-27B-3, 34-27B-4,
43 34-27B-5, 34-27B-7, 34-27B-8, 34-27B-9, and 34-27B-11, Code of
44 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

45 "§34-27B-2

46 As used in this chapter, the following terms—~~shall~~ have
47 the following meanings:

48 (1) BOARD. The Alabama State Board of Respiratory
49 Therapy.

50 (2) DIRECT CLINICAL SUPERVISION. A situation where a
51 licensed respiratory therapist or physician is available for
52 the purpose of communication, consultation, and assistance.

53 (3) ~~HEALTHCARE~~ HEALTH CARE FACILITY. The ~~definition~~
54 ~~shall be the same meaning~~ as in Section 22-21-260.

55 (4) LICENSED ADVANCED PRACTICE PROVIDER. A health care
56 professional who undergoes specialized education, training,



57 and certification to provide services such as medical
58 diagnosis and treatment. The term includes a physician
59 assistant, certified registered nurse practitioner, or
60 certified registered nurse anesthetist with prescribing
61 authority.

62 ~~(4)~~(5) MEDICALLY APPROVED PROTOCOL. A detailed plan for
63 taking specific diagnostic or treatment actions, or both,
64 authorized by the treating physician of the patient, ~~all of~~
65 ~~which actions shall be~~ which is:

66 a. In a hospital or other inpatient health care
67 facility, approved by the supervising physician of the
68 respiratory therapist or in an outpatient treatment setting
69 approved by the supervising physician of the respiratory
70 therapist~~;~~

71 b. Except in cases of medical emergency, instituted
72 following an evaluation of the patient by a physician or
73 otherwise directed by the supervising physician of the
74 respiratory therapist~~;~~ and

75 c. Consistent with the definition of the scope of
76 practice of respiratory therapy, as established by this
77 chapter.

78 ~~(5)~~(6) PHYSICIAN. ~~A person~~ An individual who is a
79 doctor of medicine or a doctor of osteopathy licensed to
80 practice in this state.

81 ~~(6)~~(7) RESPIRATORY THERAPIST. ~~A person~~ An individual
82 licensed by the board to administer respiratory therapy and
83 who has the knowledge and skills necessary to administer
84 respiratory therapy, monitor patient responses, modify



85 respiratory therapy based upon patient response, provide
86 information and education to patients about deficiencies or
87 disorders of the cardiopulmonary system, and supervise others
88 in the delivery of appropriate respiratory therapy procedures.

89 ~~(7)~~⁽⁸⁾ RESPIRATORY THERAPY OR CARE. Therapy,
90 management, rehabilitation, diagnostic evaluation, and care of
91 patients with deficiencies and abnormalities of the
92 cardiopulmonary system and associated aspects of other
93 systems' functions, given by a ~~health care professional~~
94 respiratory therapist under the direction of a physician or
95 licensed advanced practice provider. The term includes, ~~but is~~
96 ~~not limited to~~, the following activities conducted upon
97 written prescription, verbal order, or medically approved
98 protocol:

99 a. Direct and indirect pulmonary care services that are
100 safe, aseptic, preventive, or restorative to the patient.

101 b. Direct and indirect respiratory therapy services,
102 including, ~~but not limited to~~, the administration of
103 pharmacologic, diagnostic, and therapeutic agents related to
104 respiratory therapy procedures necessary to implement a
105 treatment, disease prevention, pulmonary rehabilitative, or
106 diagnostic regimen prescribed by a physician or a licensed
107 advanced practice provider.

108 c. Observation and monitoring of signs and symptoms,
109 general behavior, and general physical response to respiratory
110 therapy treatment and diagnostic testing and determination of
111 whether ~~such these~~ signs, symptoms, reactions, behavior, or
112 general responses exhibit abnormal characteristics and



113 implementation, based on observed abnormalities, of
114 appropriate reporting or referral practices or prescribed and
115 medically approved respiratory therapy protocols or
116 appropriate changes in a treatment regimen, pursuant to a
117 prescription by a physician or a licensed advanced practice
118 provider, or the initiation of emergency procedures.

119 d. The diagnostic and therapeutic use of any of the
120 following, in accordance with the prescription of a physician
121 or a licensed advanced practice provider:

122 1. Administration of medical gases, ~~exclusive of~~ not
123 including general anesthesia.

124 2. Aerosols.

125 3. Humidification.

126 4. Environmental control systems and hyperbaric
127 therapy.

128 5. Pharmacologic agents related to respiratory therapy
129 procedures.

130 6. Mechanical or physiological ventilatory support.

131 7. Bronchopulmonary hygiene.

132 8. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

133 9. Maintenance of the natural airways.

134 10. Insertion without cutting tissues and maintenance
135 of artificial airways.

136 11. Diagnostic and testing techniques required for
137 implementation of respiratory therapy protocols.

138 12. Collections of specimens of blood and other body
139 fluids including specimens from the respiratory tract.

140 13. Collection of inspired and expired gas samples.



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141 14. Analysis of blood, gases, and respiratory
142 secretions.

143 15. Measurements of ventilatory volumes, pressures, and
144 flows.

145 16. Pulmonary function testing.

146 17. Hemodynamic and other related physiologic
147 measurements of the cardiopulmonary system.

148 18. Respiratory telecommunications.

149 19. Cardiopulmonary disease management.

150 20. Tobacco cessation.

151 e. The transcription and implementation of the written
152 and verbal orders of a physician or licensed advanced practice
153 provider pertaining to the practice of respiratory therapy.

154 f. Institution of known and medically approved
155 protocols relating to respiratory therapy in emergency
156 situations in the absence of immediate direction by a
157 physician or licensed advanced practice provider~~and~~
158 ~~institution of specific procedures and diagnostic testing~~
159 ~~related to respiratory therapy as ordered by a physician~~ to
160 assist in diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, and medical
161 research.

162 g. Delivery of respiratory therapy procedures,
163 instruction, and education of patients in the proper methods
164 of self-care and prevention of cardiopulmonary diseases and
165 other conditions requiring the use of respiratory therapy
166 equipment or techniques."

167 "§34-27B-3

168 (a) Except as provided in Section 34-27B-7, no ~~person~~



169 individual shall hold himself or herself out to be, or
170 function as, a respiratory therapist in this state unless
171 licensed in accordance with this chapter.

172 (b) In order to obtain a respiratory therapist license,
173 an applicant shall demonstrate to the board that he or she:
174 (i) is a citizen of the United States or, if not a citizen of
175 the United States, ~~a person~~ an individual who is legally
176 present in the United States with appropriate documentation
177 from the federal government; (ii) is at least 18 years of
178 age; (iii) is a high school graduate or has the equivalent
179 of a high school diploma; (iv) demonstrates good moral
180 character; and (v) meets one of the following requirements:

181 (1) Holds and maintains credentials as a registered
182 respiratory therapist (RRT) or a certified respiratory
183 therapist (CRT), as granted by the National Board for
184 Respiratory Care or its successor organization.

185 (2) Holds a temporary license issued under ~~subsection~~
186 ~~(d) of~~ Section 34-27B-7 and passes the examination leading to
187 the CRT or RRT credential.

188 (3) Has a valid respiratory therapist license from
189 another state, the District of Columbia, or a territory of the
190 United States, whose requirements for licensure are considered
191 by the board as substantially similar to those of ~~Alabama~~ this
192 state and who otherwise meets the reciprocity requirements
193 established by the board.

194 ~~(4) Meets the requirements of subdivision (2) of~~
195 ~~subsection (d) of Section 34-27B-7.~~

196 ~~(5)~~ (4) Has been approved by the board as otherwise



197 qualified by special training and has passed the licensure
198 examination established by the board in subsection (c).
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200 (c) The board shall arrange for the administration of a
201 licensure examination administered by the state or a national
202 agency approved by the board. The examination shall be
203 validated and nationally recognized as testing respiratory
204 care competencies. The board may enter into agreements or
205 contracts, consistent with state law, with outside
206 organizations for the purpose of developing, administering,
207 grading, and reporting the results of licensure examinations.
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209 ~~Such~~ These organizations shall be capable of meeting the
210 standards of the National Commission for Health Certifying
211 Agencies, or its equivalent or successor organization. The
212 board shall establish criteria for satisfactory performance on
213 the examination.

214 (d) The board may request a criminal history background
215 check of an applicant for the purpose of determining an
216 applicant's suitability for a license to practice respiratory
217 therapy. If requested by the board, the applicant shall submit
218 a full set of fingerprints to the board for the purpose of
219 obtaining a state and national criminal history background
220 check.

221 (2) Fingerprints obtained pursuant to subdivision (1)
222 may be exchanged by the board, the Alabama State Law
223 Enforcement Agency, or any successor entity thereof, or any
224 channeler approved by the board, with the Federal Bureau of
225 Investigation for the purpose of obtaining a state and
226 national criminal history background check.



225 (3) The applicant shall be responsible for all costs
226 associated with the submission of his or her fingerprints and
227 obtaining a state and national criminal history background
228 check. The board may incorporate those costs into the cost of
229 licensing or may charge the applicant a separate fee, which
230 may be payable to the board, the Alabama State Law Enforcement
231 Agency, or any successor entity thereof, or the approved
232 channeler, as appropriate.

233 (4) Information received by the board pursuant to a
234 state and national criminal history background check shall be
235 confidential and shall not be a public record, except that any
236 information received by and relied upon by the board in
237 denying the issuance of a license may be disclosed as
238 necessary to support the denial."

239 "§34-27B-4

240 (a) The board shall perform all of the following
241 functions:

242 (1) Set respiratory therapy licensure fees, including ~~and~~
243 ~~but not limited to,~~ application, initial, renewal, ~~and~~
244 reinstatement fees.

245 (2) Establish and publish minimum standards of
246 continuing education of respiratory therapy in accordance with
247 those standards developed and accepted by the profession.

248 (3) Examine for, approve, deny, revoke, suspend, and
249 renew licensure of duly qualified applicants.

250 (4) ~~Promulgate~~ Adopt and publish rules in accordance
251 with the Administrative Procedure Act to administer this
252 chapter.



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253 (5) Conduct hearings on charges calling for the denial,
254 suspension, revocation, or refusal to renew a license.

255 (6) Maintain an up-to-date list of every ~~person~~
256 individual licensed to practice respiratory therapy pursuant
257 to this chapter. The list shall include the last known place
258 of residence and the state license number of the licensee.

259 (7) Maintain an up-to-date list of ~~persons~~ individuals
260 whose licenses have been suspended, revoked, or denied. The
261 list shall include the name, Social Security number, type,
262 date, and cause of action, penalty incurred, and the length of
263 the penalty. The information on the list, except for Social
264 Security numbers, shall be available for public inspection
265 during reasonable business hours and the information may be
266 shared with others as deemed necessary and acceptable by the
267 board.

271 "§34-27B-5

272 (a) (1) The Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy
273 is created to implement and administer this chapter and shall
274 be composed of ~~six~~ seven members appointed by the Governor.
275 ~~Three~~ Four of the members shall be respiratory therapists, one
276 member shall be the chief executive officer of a hospital, one
277 member shall be a physician, and one member shall be a
278 consumer.

279 (2) The respiratory therapist members of the board
280 appointed by the Governor shall be selected from a list of



281 names submitted by the Alabama Society for Respiratory Care.
282 The list shall include two names for each appointed position
283 to be filled. The respiratory therapist members appointed to
284 the board shall be registered or certified by the National
285 Board for Respiratory Care or its successor organization-

286 ~~Respiratory therapists appointed to the initial board must be~~
287 ~~eligible to obtain a license under this chapter. Respiratory~~
288 ~~therapists selected for subsequent appointments must and be~~
289 licensed by the ~~state~~ board.

290 (3) The hospital member shall be selected from a list
291 of two names submitted by the Alabama Hospital Association.

292 (4) The physician member appointed shall be duly
293 licensed to practice medicine in Alabama and shall be a member
294 of at least one of the following: The American Thoracic
295 Society, the American College of Chest Physicians, the
296 American Society of Anesthesiologists, or the American Academy
297 of Pediatrics. The physician member of the board appointed by
298 the Governor shall be selected from a list of two names
299 submitted by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama.

300 (5) The consumer member appointed by the Governor shall
301 be selected from one of the names submitted by the American
302 Lung Association in Alabama, the Alabama Chapter of the Cystic
303 Fibrosis Foundation, and the Alabama Asthma Coalition. Each
304 entity shall submit one name for consideration.

305 (b) All board members shall be residents of Alabama and
306 all appointing authorities shall coordinate their appointments
307 ~~so that diversity of gender, race, and geographical areas is~~
308 ~~reflective of the makeup to assure the board's membership is~~



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309 inclusive and reflects the racial, gender, geographic, urban,
310 rural, and economic diversity of this state.

311 (c) The Governor shall make the appointments for all
312 positions for members of the board within 90 days of the date
313 the position becomes available, including initial
314 appointments, vacancies, and replacements at the end of the
315 term of service. All members shall continue to serve until a
316 successor is appointed.

317 (d) Members of the board shall have the same immunities
318 from personal liability as state employees for actions taken
319 in the performance of their official duties.

320 (e) The term of office of those members first appointed
321 shall be as follows: Two respiratory therapists and the
322 hospital member, as determined by the Governor, shall serve
323 for terms of two years, and one respiratory therapist and the
324 physician member shall serve for terms of four years. The
325 additional respiratory therapist member appointed after
326 October 1, 2026, shall serve an initial term of not more than
327 four years as determined by the Governor. Thereafter, the term
328 of all members, including the consumer member, shall be for
329 four years. No member shall be appointed for more than three
330 consecutive full terms. A vacancy in an unexpired term shall
331 be filled in the manner of the original appointment. The board
332 shall elect a chair and vice chair annually.

333 (f) The board shall meet at least twice each year at a
334 time and place determined by the chair. A majority of the
335 members of the board shall constitute a quorum for the



336 transaction of business.

337 (g) Each member shall serve without compensation, but
338 shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in attendance
339 at meetings of the board and any other expenses incurred on
340 business of the board at its discretion. Board members shall
341 also receive a per diem allowance following the guidelines for
342 state employees. The reimbursement for expenses and per diem
343 shall be paid from funds derived from the Alabama State Board
344 of Respiratory Therapy Fund."

345 "§34-27B-7

346 (a) The board shall issue a respiratory therapist
347 license to any ~~person~~ individual who meets the qualifications
348 required by this chapter and who pays the license fee
349 ~~established herein~~.

350 (b) Any ~~person~~ individual who is issued a regular or
351 temporary respiratory therapy license ~~as a respiratory~~
352 ~~therapist~~ under this chapter may use the words "licensed
353 respiratory therapist" or the letters "L.R.T." in connection
354 with his or her name to denote his or her license.

355 (c) A license issued under this chapter shall be
356 subject to ~~biennial~~ renewal every two years.

357 (d) (1) The board may issue a six-month temporary
358 license as a respiratory therapist to ~~persons~~ individuals who
359 have graduated from a respiratory therapy educational program
360 accredited by the Council on Allied Health Education Programs
361 (CAHEP) in collaboration with the Committee on Accreditation
362 for Respiratory Care (CoARC), or their successor
363 organizations, and who have applied for and are awaiting



364 competency examination. ~~The temporary license shall be~~
365 ~~renewable only once for an additional six-month period if the~~
366 ~~applicant fails the examination. Exceptions may be made at the~~
367 ~~discretion of the board based upon an appeal identifying~~
368 ~~extenuating circumstances.~~ The holder of a temporary license
369 may only provide respiratory therapy or care activities,
370 services, and procedures as defined in Section 34-27B-2 under
371 the direct clinical supervision of a licensed onsite
372 respiratory therapist~~or physician.~~

373 ~~(2) The board shall grant a license as a respiratory~~
374 ~~therapist to other persons who do not meet the qualifications~~
375 ~~for licensure pursuant to Section 34-27B-3, but who, on the~~
376 ~~effective date of the adoption of the rules and regulations of~~
377 ~~the board, are currently employed in the administration of~~
378 ~~respiratory therapy under the direction of a physician in the~~
379 ~~State of Alabama. The opportunity to apply for a respiratory~~
380 ~~therapy license issued under this subdivision shall expire 365~~
381 ~~days after implementation of the rules of the board. Holders~~
382 ~~of these licenses shall be eligible to renew their licenses as~~
383 ~~are any other licensed respiratory therapists under this~~
384 ~~chapter."~~

385 "§34-27B-8

386 (a) The board may refuse to renew a license, may
387 suspend or revoke a license, may impose probationary
388 conditions, or may impose an administrative fine not to exceed
389 five hundred dollars (\$500) per violation, as disciplinary
390 actions if a licensee or applicant for licensure has been
391 found guilty of unprofessional conduct that has endangered, or



392 is likely to endanger, the health, welfare, or safety of the
393 public. Unprofessional conduct includes, ~~but is not limited~~
394 ~~to~~ each of the following:

395 (1) Obtaining a license by means of fraud,
396 misrepresentation, or concealment of material facts.

397 (2) Being found guilty of unprofessional conduct as
398 defined by the rules established by the board, or violating
399 the code of ethics adopted and published by the American
400 Association for Respiratory Care or its successor
401 organization.

402 (3) Conviction of a crime, other than a minor offense,
403 in any court if the offense has a direct bearing on whether
404 the person should be entrusted to serve the public in the
405 capacity of a respiratory therapist.

406 (b) The board, after a hearing, may exercise the
407 disciplinary actions authorized in subsection (a). The board
408 shall adopt policies for the conduct of the hearings. One year
409 after the date of the revocation of a license, application may
410 be made to the board for reinstatement. The board shall hold a
411 hearing to consider any application for reinstatement.

412 (c) The board may ~~establish~~ adopt rules regarding the
413 disciplinary actions authorized in subsection (a) in
414 accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

415 (d) A suspended license is subject to expiration during
416 the suspension period.

417 (e) The board may subpoena any person or document and
418 take testimony to carry out this chapter.

419 (f) The board shall promote the early identification,



420 intervention, treatment, and rehabilitation of respiratory
421 therapy licensees who may be impaired by reason of illness,
422 inebriation, excessive use of drugs, narcotics, alcohol,
423 chemicals, or other substances, or as a result of any physical
424 or mental condition. If the board has reasonable cause to
425 believe that a respiratory therapy licensee is impaired, the
426 board may refer that licensee to a treatment program."

427 "§34-27B-9

428 ~~(a) A person~~ An individual who does not hold a license
429 or a temporary license as a respiratory therapist or whose
430 license or temporary license has been suspended or revoked may
431 not do any of the following:

432 (1) Use in connection with the ~~person's~~ individual's
433 practice the words "respiratory care professional,"
434 "respiratory therapist," "respiratory care practitioner,"
435 "certified respiratory care practitioner," "licensed
436 respiratory therapist," "inhalation therapist," or
437 "respiratory therapy technician"; or use the letters "R.C.P."
438 or "L.R.T."; or use any other words, letters, abbreviations,
439 or insignia indicating or implying that the ~~person~~ individual
440 is a respiratory therapist.

441 (2) Directly or by implication represent in any way
442 that the ~~person~~ individual is a respiratory therapist.

443 ~~(b) A person who holds a license or a temporary license~~
444 ~~to practice respiratory therapy under this chapter may use the~~
445 ~~title "respiratory therapist" and the abbreviation "L.R.T."~~

446 "§34-27B-11

447 Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as



448 preventing or restricting the practice, services, or
449 activities of any of the following:

450 (1) Any ~~person~~ individual who is licensed in ~~Alabama~~
451 this state or certified by an organization accredited by the
452 National Commission for Certifying Agencies and acceptable to
453 the state from engaging in the profession or occupation for
454 which the ~~person~~ individual is licensed or certified.

455 (2) Any ~~person~~ individual employed by the United States
456 government who provides respiratory therapy solely under the
457 direction or control of the United States government agency or
458 organization.

459 (3) Any ~~person~~ individual receiving clinical training
460 while pursuing a course of study leading to registry or
461 certification in a respiratory therapy educational program
462 accredited by the Council on Allied Health Education Programs
463 in collaboration with the Committee on Accreditation for
464 Respiratory Care or their successor organizations. This ~~person~~
465 will individual shall be under direct supervision and be
466 designated by a title clearly indicating his or her status as
467 a student or trainee.

468 (4) Any emergency medical technician licensed by the
469 Alabama ~~State Board~~ Department of Public Health who is
470 providing care to a patient at the scene of an emergency, or
471 during transport of the patient in a licensed ground
472 ambulance, provided that such care may not exceed the scope of
473 care permissible under the rules of the Alabama ~~State Board~~
474 Department of Public Health.

475 (5) The delivery of respiratory therapy of sick or



476 disabled ~~persons~~ individuals by family members or domestic
477 servants or the care of ~~non-institutionalized persons~~
478 noninstitutionalized individuals by a surrogate family member
479 as long as the ~~persons~~ individuals do not represent themselves
480 as, or hold themselves out to be, respiratory therapists.

481 (6) Any individual who has demonstrated competency in
482 one or more areas covered by this chapter as long as the
483 individual performs only those functions that he or she is
484 qualified by examination to perform. The standards of the
485 National Commission for Certifying Agencies, or its
486 equivalent, shall serve as a standard with which to evaluate
487 those examinations and examining organizations.

488 (7) Any ~~person~~ individual performing respiratory
489 services or care not licensed as a respiratory therapist in
490 accordance with this chapter who is employed in a diagnostic
491 laboratory, physician's office, clinic, or outpatient
492 treatment facility and whose function is to administer
493 treatment or perform diagnostic procedures confined to that
494 laboratory, office, clinic, or outpatient facility under the
495 direction of a licensed physician.

496 (8) Any respiratory therapy student who performs
497 limited respiratory therapy procedures as an employee of ~~any~~ a
498 health care provider organization while enrolled in a
499 respiratory therapy educational program accredited by the
500 Council on Allied Health Education Programs in collaboration
501 with the Committee on Accreditation for Respiratory Care or
502 their successor organizations, provided any procedure
503 performed by a respiratory therapy student is a procedure that



504 the student has previously studied and completed in clinical
505 training. The employee shall be designated by title as a
506 student or trainee and shall work under direct supervision of
507 a licensed respiratory therapist. The board shall maintain a
508 list of all such students.

509 (9) Any individual employed by a durable medical
510 equipment or home medical equipment company who delivers, sets
511 up, or maintains respiratory equipment, but not including
512 assessment, treatment, or evaluation of the patient.

513 (10) Any individual employed as a polysomnographic
514 technologist working in a sleep center or diagnostic sleep
515 clinic.

516 (11) Any licensed respiratory therapist performing
517 advances in the art and techniques of respiratory therapy
518 learned through special training acceptable to the board."

519 Section 2. Section 34-27B-8.1 is added to the Code of
520 Alabama 1975, to read as follows:

521 An individual shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor
522 if he or she does any of the following:

523 (1) Sells or fraudulently obtains or furnishes, or aids
524 or abets in selling or fraudulently obtaining, any license
525 issued pursuant to this chapter.

526 (2) Practices respiratory therapy, uses the title
527 respiratory therapist, or uses in connection with his or her
528 name any designation tending to imply that he or she is a
529 respiratory therapist without a valid and active license
530 issued pursuant to this chapter.

531 Section 3. Section 34-27B-12, Code of Alabama 1975,

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532 requiring the Alabama State Board of Respiratory Therapy to
533 provide notice of regulations to respiratory therapists
534 practicing on May 17, 2004, is repealed.

535 Section 4. This act shall become effective on October
536 1, 2026.

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