

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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HOUSE BILL 1183

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE REGISTERED DIALYSIS PATIENT CARE
TECHNICIAN ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO CREATE THE REGISTERED DIALYSIS
PATIENT CARE TECHNICIAN ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 87, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 9 – Registered Dialysis Patient Care Technician Act

17-87-901. Title.

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as "the "Registered" Dialysis Patient Care Technician Act".

17-87-902. Purpose.

The purpose of this subchapter is to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing for the accurate, cost-effective, and safe utilization of dialysis patient care technicians in the administration of hemodialysis.

17-87-903. Definition.

As used in this subchapter, "dialysis patient care technician" means a person who meets the requirements of § 17-87-905.



17-87-904. Tasks performed.

A dialysis patient care technician may administer direct patient care and hemodialysis, including administering associated medications and central venous catheter access and care, under the authority of a registered nurse licensed in this state who may delegate tasks based on nursing judgment to a dialysis patient care technician based on the dialysis patient care technician's education, knowledge, training, and skill.

17-87-905. Registration.

(a) To register as a dialysis patient care technician, an individual shall:

(1) Possess a high school diploma or a general educational development certificate;

(2) Demonstrate that he or she:

(A) Is employed as a dialysis patient care technician;

(B) Is enrolled in a training course that follows national recommendations for dialysis patient care technicians and is conducted primarily in a work setting; or

(C) Has completed a training course that follows national recommendations for dialysis patient care technicians with verification of competency and a skills checklist signed by the medical director of the facility that employs the person;

(3) (A) Obtain national certification by successful passage of a national certification examination within eighteen (18) months of becoming employed as a dialysis patient care technician.

(B)(i) A dialysis patient care technician shall recertify national certification at intervals required by the organization providing the certification examination.

(ii) The intervals required under subdivision (a)(3)(B)(i) of this section shall include no fewer than thirty (30) and no more than forty (40) patient contact hours since the previous certification or recertification;

(4) Submit an application with the Arkansas State Board of Nursing; and

(5) Pay the applicable fee as determined by the board.

(b)(1) An applicant for registration as a dialysis patient care technician shall report to the board, in writing, any conviction for a felony or misdemeanor.

(2) A conviction is not a disqualification for registration under this section unless the conviction relates to the criminal offenses listed in § 17-3-102.

(c)(1) An applicant or a dialysis patient care technician may report any pardon or setting aside of a conviction to the board.

(2) If a pardon or setting aside has been obtained, the conviction for which the pardon or setting aside was obtained shall not be maintained on the Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registry created under § 17-87-906.

(d) If a person registered as a dialysis patient care technician becomes licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, his or her registration as a dialysis patient care technician shall terminate as of the date of licensure as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse.

(e)(1) The board shall refuse to register or shall revoke the registration of a person who would be disqualified from employment under § 20-33-213.

(2) The board may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a registration of a dialysis patient care technician for:

(A) Securing a registration under this subchapter through fraud or deceit;

(B) Unprofessional conduct, unethical conduct, gross ignorance, or inefficiency in the conduct of his or her practice;

(C) Using a false name or an alias in his or her practice;

(D) Violating any provision of this subchapter; or

(E) Failing to comply with any of the requirements for registration.

(3) Proceedings under this section shall be conducted in accordance with the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, § 25-15-201 et seq.

17-87-906. Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registry – Contents of registry.

(a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall list each dialysis

patient care technician registrant on a registry to be named the "Dialysis Patient Care Technician Registry".

(2) A listing in the registry is valid for the term of the registration and upon renewal unless the listing is refused renewal or is removed.

(b) The registry shall contain the following information on each person who is a registered dialysis patient care technician:

(1) The individual's full name;

(2) Any conviction of a felony or misdemeanor reported to the board;

(3) A certificate showing completion of a nationally recognized training program; and

(4) A certificate of completion of a nationally commercially available dialysis patient care technician certification examination.

17-87-907. Construction.

This subchapter does not:

(1) Require a dialysis patient care technician to register as a medication assistive person under § 17-87-701 et seq.; or

(2) Apply to a dialysis patient care technician who is working directly with a physician licensed by the Arkansas State Medical Board.

/s/Bentley

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