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2019 ASSEMBLY BILL 558

October 21, 2019 - Introduced by Representatives RODRIGUEZ, SUBECK, BRANDTJEN, FELZKOWSKI, HORLACHER, KULP, MAGNAFICI, OLDENBURG, VRUWINK and WITTKE, cosponsored by Senators TESTIN, KOOYENGA and OLSEN. Referred to Committee on Health.

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 448.04 (1) (i) 2.; and *to amend* 448.04 (1) (i) 3. and 448.05 (5r)
2 of the statutes; **relating to:** certificates to practice respiratory care.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill repeals a provision concerning temporary certificates to practice respiratory care issued by the Medical Examining Board and changes, for purposes of eligibility for a certificate to practice respiratory care, the names of a required examination and the accrediting bodies for respiratory care courses of instruction.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

3 **SECTION 1.** 448.04 (1) (i) 2. of the statutes is repealed.

4 **SECTION 2.** 448.04 (1) (i) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

5 448.04 (1) (i) 3. The board may issue a temporary certificate to practice
6 respiratory care to an individual who submits to the board an application, the fee
7 specified in s. 440.05 (1) (a), ~~written verification that the applicant has passed the~~
8 ~~national board for respiratory care's certified respiratory technician examination,~~

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1 evidence the applicant has passed the Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination by
2 the National Board for Respiratory Care, evidence satisfactory to the board that the
3 applicant meets the requirements of s. 448.05 (5r), and evidence satisfactory to the
4 board that the applicant is certified to practice respiratory care in another state. The
5 board may not issue a temporary certificate under this subdivision to an individual
6 who has previously been issued a temporary certificate under this subdivision. If an
7 applicant for a temporary certificate under this subdivision has been subjected to
8 professional discipline as a result of the applicant's practice of respiratory care, the
9 applicant shall submit to the board a description of the circumstances of the
10 discipline. A temporary certificate under this subdivision may be issued for a period
11 not to exceed 3 months and may not be renewed.

12 **SECTION 3.** 448.05 (5r) of the statutes is amended to read:

13 448.05 **(5r)** CERTIFICATE AS RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONER. An applicant for a
14 certificate or a temporary certificate to practice respiratory care shall submit
15 evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is a graduate of a school with
16 a course of instruction in respiratory care approved by the ~~commission on~~
17 ~~accreditation of allied health education programs of the American Medical~~
18 Association Joint Review Committee on Education in Respiratory Care or the
19 Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care or the successor organization of
20 any of the foregoing.

21 (END)