



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2007 Wisconsin Act 54
[2007 Assembly Bill 413]

**Temporary Certificates to Practice
Respiratory Care**

Act 54 creates a new temporary certificate to practice respiratory care. Under Act 54, the Medical Examining Board (MEB) may issue a temporary certificate to practice respiratory care to a person who submits: (1) an application; (2) the required fee; (3) written verification that the person has passed the National Board for Respiratory Care's certified respiratory therapy technician examination; (4) evidence that the person has graduated from a school with a course of instruction in respiratory care approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs of the American Medical Association; and (5) evidence that the applicant is certified to practice respiratory care in another state. A temporary certificate under this provision may be issued for a period not to exceed three months, may not be renewed, and may be issued only once to a person. If an applicant for a temporary certificate under the Act has been subjected to professional discipline as a result of the applicant's practice of respiratory care, the applicant must submit to the MEB a description of the circumstances of the discipline.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.