

HOUSE BILL 1817

By Kumar

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63,  
relative to cardiovascular invasive specialists.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 6, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

**63-6-246.**

(a) The board shall promulgate rules governing cardiovascular invasive specialist licenses. These rules shall:

(1) Establish cardiovascular invasive specialist licenses to be issued to qualified individuals;

(2) Establish the minimum educational courses, curriculum, hours, and standards that are prerequisite to issuance of the cardiovascular invasive specialist licenses;

(3) Select the examination or examinations to be utilized as the board's cardiovascular invasive specialist examination or examinations and the prerequisites, if any, for admission to the examination or examinations. The board is authorized to enter into a contract or agreement with the chosen examination service or services or select an intermediary between the board and the examination service or services to process applicants for the examination or examinations;

(4) Establish any other criteria for issuance of cardiovascular invasive specialist licenses that are reasonably related to the safe and competent performance of the duties of a cardiovascular invasive specialist;

(5) Establish a mechanism for board accreditation of educational courses that are operating for purposes of qualifying individuals for licensure and that meet the requirements established pursuant to the rules promulgated under the authority of subdivision (a)(2). The mechanism shall establish the causes and standards that are grounds for withdrawal of the course accreditation and the mechanism for that withdrawal;

(6) Establish the fees to be paid for:

- (A) Application for a license;
- (B) Licensure;
- (C) Renewal of licenses;
- (D) Late renewal of licenses;
- (E) Application for educational course accreditation;
- (F) Renewal of educational course accreditation; and
- (G) Late renewal of educational course accreditation; and

(7) Establish the required number of hours, types of courses, and methods of proving compliance for biennial continuing education for all license holders.

(b) The licenses issued pursuant to this section must be renewed and may be retired and reactivated pursuant to procedures established by the board. A person holding a license issued pursuant to this section may be disciplined for the same causes and under the same procedures as contained in § 63-6-214.

(c) The standards established by the board pursuant to subsection (a) shall be at least as stringent as any mandatory federal standards.

(d) The board shall define the scope of practice of a licensed cardiovascular invasive specialist by rules promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5. These rules shall be consistent with the

scope of practice guidelines adopted by the Society of Invasive Cardiovascular Professionals in 2010.

(e) As used in this section:

(1) "Board" means the board of medical examiners established pursuant to § 63-6-101;

(2) "Cardiovascular invasive specialist" means a person who holds a valid cardiovascular invasive specialist license pursuant to this section; and

(3) "Physician" means either a physician licensed under this chapter or an osteopathic physician licensed under chapter 9 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2016, the public welfare requiring it.