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LEGISLATIVE BILL 752

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Committee: Health and Human Services

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Respiratory Care Practice Act; to amend
- 2 section 38-3205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine a
- 3 term; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 38-3205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
2 amended to read:

3 38-3205 Respiratory care means the health specialty responsible for
4 the treatment, management, diagnostic testing, ~~control~~, and care of
5 patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the
6 cardiopulmonary system. Respiratory care ~~is shall~~ not be limited to a
7 hospital setting and includes ~~shall include~~ the therapeutic and
8 diagnostic management and maintenance use of medical gases, administering
9 apparatus, humidification and aerosols, ventilatory management ~~assistance~~
10 ~~and ventilatory control~~, postural drainage, chest physiotherapy and
11 breathing exercises, ~~respiratory rehabilitation~~, cardiopulmonary
12 resuscitation and rehabilitation, and maintenance and insertion of lines,
13 drains, and artificial and nonartificial airways without cutting tissues
14 ~~of nasal or oral endotracheal tubes~~. Respiratory care ~~shall~~ also includes
15 ~~include~~ the administration of all pharmacologic, diagnostic, and
16 therapeutic agents for the treatment and diagnosis of cardiopulmonary
17 disease for which the respiratory care practitioner has been
18 professionally trained or has obtained advance education or
19 certification, including specific testing techniques employed in
20 respiratory care to assist in diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, and
21 research of how specific cardiopulmonary disease affects the patient
22 ~~aerosol and inhalant medications to the cardiorespiratory system and~~
23 ~~specific testing techniques employed in respiratory care to assist in~~
24 ~~diagnosis, monitoring, treatment, and research~~. Such techniques shall
25 include management , ~~but not be limited to, measurement of ventilatory~~
26 volumes, pressures, and flows, measurement of physiologic partial
27 pressures, pulmonary function testing, and hemodynamic insertion of
28 lines, and ~~other~~ related physiological monitoring of the cardiopulmonary
29 system.

30 Sec. 2. Original section 38-3205, Reissue Revised Statutes of
31 Nebraska, is repealed.