

SENATE BILL 278

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By: **Senator Waldstreicher**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Perfusionists – Licensure Exemption – Employees and Agents of Federally**
3 **Designated Organ Procurement Organizations**

4 FOR the purpose of exempting employees and agents of federally designated organ
5 procurement organizations who preserve or perfuse organs from deceased human
6 donors for certain purposes from licensure requirements for perfusionists; and
7 generally relating to perfusionists.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Health Occupations

10 Section 14–5E–01(a), (e), and (f)(1)

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Health Occupations

15 Section 14–5E–08

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Health Occupations**

21 14–5E–01.

22 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (e) “Licensed perfusionist” means a perfusionist who is licensed by the Board
24 under this subtitle to practice perfusion.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (f) (1) "Practice perfusion" means to perform the functions necessary for the
2 support, treatment, measurement, or supplementation of the cardiovascular, circulatory,
3 or respiratory systems, or other organs to ensure the safe management of physiologic
4 functions by monitoring and analyzing the parameters of the systems under an order and
5 the supervision of a licensed physician.

6 14-5E-08.

7 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, on or after October 1, 2013, an
8 individual shall be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice perfusion in
9 this State.

10 (b) This section does not apply to [a]:

11 (1) A student enrolled in an education program under § 14-5E-09(c)(2) of
12 this subtitle while practicing perfusion in that program; OR

13 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO:

14 (I) IS AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A FEDERALLY DESIGNATED
15 ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION, WHILE ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THAT
16 EMPLOYMENT; AND

17 (II) WHILE ACTING AS AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF A
18 FEDERALLY DESIGNATED PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION, PRESERVES OR
19 PERFUSES AN ORGAN FROM A DECEASED HUMAN DONOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF:

20 1. TRANSPLANTATION;

21 2. THERAPY;

22 3. RESEARCH; OR

23 4. EDUCATION.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2023.