

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 10, 1997

SENATE BILL

No. 518

Introduced by Senators Monteith and Knight

February 24, 1997

An act to amend Sections 1247.5 and 1247.6 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to clinical laboratory technology.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 518, as amended, Monteith. Clinical laboratory technology: hemodialysis technician training program.

Existing law governs the practice of clinical laboratory technology and requires any hemodialysis training and testing program operated by a hemodialysis clinic or unit within a licensed clinic or hospital to be approved by the State Department of Health Services, to comply with regulations, and to include various elements.

This bill would require a hemodialysis technician training program and competency test that is provided by an accredited college, accredited university, or private training program to meet these requirements, *except as prescribed*.

Existing law prohibits any person from providing hemodialysis technician services without meeting certain alternative requirements, including certification by the department as being ~~graduates~~ *a graduate* of a local training and testing program operated by an accredited college or university.

This bill would revise this requirement to include, as an alternative, certification by the department as being a

graduate of a private training program approved by the department.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1247.5 of the Business and
2 Professions Code is amended to read:

3 1247.5. A hemodialysis clinic or unit within a licensed
4 clinic or hospital, as defined respectively in Sections 1204
5 and 1250 of the Health and Safety Code, may operate a
6 hemodialysis training and testing program. A
7 hemodialysis technician training program and
8 competency test, provided under this section, or
9 provided by an accredited college, an accredited
10 university, or a private training program, shall be
11 approved by the department, shall comply with the
12 regulations adopted pursuant to Section 1247.4, and shall
13 include training and testing in the administration of local
14 anesthetics, heparin, and sodium chloride solutions.

15 SEC. 2. Section 1247.6 of the Business and Professions
16 Code is amended to read:

17 1247.6. (a) Except during training under immediate
18 supervision, no person shall provide services as a
19 hemodialysis technician without meeting one or more of
20 the following requirements:

21 (1) Certification by the department as having been
22 certified by the Board of Nephrology Examination for
23 Nurses and Technicians (BONENT).

24 (2) Certification by the department as having
25 completed a department-approved training and testing
26 program in a hemodialysis clinic or unit.

27 (3) Certification by the department as being
28 ~~graduates~~ *a graduate* of a local training and testing
29 program operated by an accredited college or accredited
30 university approved by the department, or a graduate of
31 a private training program approved by the department.
32 As used in this article, accredited has the same meaning
33 as defined by Section 94711 of the Education Code.



1 (4) Certification by the department as hemodialysis
2 technicians on or before the effective date of regulations
3 adopted pursuant to Section 1247.4.

4 (b) This article does not apply to home dialysis
5 patients, or patient helpers not employed by the licensed
6 facility, who have undergone a home dialysis training
7 program operated by a licensed clinic or hospital as
8 defined in Sections 1204 and 1250 of the Health and Safety
9 Code and have been certified by the medical director of
10 the facility as being competent to perform home dialysis
11 treatment.

12 (c) *A hemodialysis technician training program and*
13 *competency test, that is approved by the department*
14 *before January 1, 1998, shall not be required to be*
15 *reapproved pursuant to this section or Section 1247.5*
16 *unless the department determines reapproval to be*
17 *necessary to protect patient safety.*

