



HOUSE BILL No. 6098

September 18, 1996, Introduced by Reps. Law, Hammerstrom, Griffin, Palamara, Porreca, Bodem and McManus and referred to the Committee on Regulatory Affairs.

A bill to amend section 3 of chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes of 1846, entitled

"Of the statutes,"

being section 8.3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to add section 3x.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 3 of chapter 1 of the Revised Statutes
2 of 1846, being section 8.3 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is
3 amended and section 3x is added to read as follows:

4 Sec. 3. In the construction of the statutes of this state,
5 the rules OF CONSTRUCTION stated in ~~sections 3a to 3w~~ THIS ACT
6 shall be observed, unless ~~such~~ construction UNDER THIS ACT
7 would be inconsistent with the manifest intent of the
8 legislature.

1 SEC. 3X. (1) THE TERM "RESPIRATORY THERAPIST" MEANS A
2 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WHO PRACTICES RESPIRATORY CARE AND WHO MEETS
3 ALL OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

4 (A) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AN ACCREDITED RESPIRATORY
5 THERAPIST TRAINING PROGRAM.

6 (B) HAS BEEN AWARDED AT LEAST A 2-YEAR ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE
7 FROM AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

8 (C) HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE REGISTERED RESPIRATORY
9 THERAPIST EXAMINATION ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR RES-
10 PIRATORY CARE.

11 (2) THE LEGISLATURE FINDS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

12 (A) THAT RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS ARE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO
13 ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING PATIENT CARE SERVICES TO INDIVIDU-
14 ALS WITH DISORDERS AND DISEASES OF THE CARDIOPULMONARY SYSTEM,
15 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LIFE SUPPORT AND CARDIOPULMONARY
16 RESUSCITATION.

17 (B) RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS HAVE BEEN RECOGNIZED BY, AND ARE
18 SUBJECT TO, THE MICHIGAN DO-NOT-RESUSCITATE PROCEDURES ACT, ACT
19 NO. 193 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1996, BEING SECTIONS 333.1051 TO
20 333.1067 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.

21 (C) THAT THE DUTIES OF PATIENT ASSESSMENT AND WITHHOLDING
22 MEDICAL TREATMENT IMPOSED UNDER ACT NO. 193 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF
23 1996 REQUIRE A GREAT DEAL OF TRAINING, EXPERIENCE, AND
24 COMPETENCE.

25 (3) BASED ON THE FINDINGS STATED IN SUBSECTION (2), IT IS
26 THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATURE IN ENACTING THE AMENDATORY ACT THAT

1 ADDED THIS SECTION TO PROVIDE MINIMUM STANDARDS TO SERVE AS
2 GUIDELINES FOR THE HEALTH PROFESSION OF RESPIRATORY THERAPY.