

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 HB0283

Introduced 1/19/2007, by Rep. Angelo Saviano

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act 5 ILCS 80/4.28 new

Creates the Registered Medical Transcriptionist Act. Provides for the registration of medical transcriptionists by the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation. Grants rulemaking authority to the Department. Amends the Regulatory Sunset Act to provide for the repeal of the Registered Medical Transcriptionist Act on January 1, 2018.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT MAY APPLY

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Registered Medical Transcriptionist Act.
- 6 Section 5. Purpose. The practice of medical transcription 7 in the State of Illinois is hereby declared to affect the 8 public health, safety, and welfare and to be subject to 9 regulation and control in the public interest. It is further 10 declared to be a matter of public interest and concern that the medical transcriptionist profession merit and receive the 11 confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be 12 permitted to practice this profession in the State of Illinois. 13 14 This Act shall be liberally construed to carry out these objectives and purposes. 15
- Section 10. Definitions. As used in this Act:
- "Department" means the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.
- "Medical transcription" means the interpretation, translation, and recording of clinical information dictated by physicians and other healthcare professionals regarding patient assessments, workups, therapeutic procedures, clinical

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1 diagnoses, prognoses, and treatments for t.he 2 production of a clinically accurate and legally sound medical record that can be relied upon for patient safety, continuity 3 care, risk management, and maximized reimbursement. 4 5 "Medical transcription" includes the editing of text that has been produced by speech recognition, which requires listening 6 7 to dictation while reading a draft created via 8 recognition technology and editing via computer and may range 9 from minimal to extensive, depending on the capabilities of the 10 speech recognition software and the dictating habits of the 11 originator and includes correction of content as well as 12 punctuation, grammar, and style.

"Medical transcriptionist" means an individual registered by the Department under this Act to engage in the practice of medical transcription.

- Section 15. Exemptions. This Act does not apply to any of the following:
  - (1) An authorized representative of the United States government, the State of Illinois, or any city, village, incorporated town, county, township, or other municipal or political corporation or subdivision of this State.
- 22 (2) Officers of a court when acting within the scope of office.
  - (3) A person licensed, registered, or certified in this State under any other Act who is engaging in the practice

- 1 for which he or she is licensed, registered, or certified.
- 2 Section 20. Unlawful practice. It is unlawful for any
- 3 person to engage in the practice or act in the capacity of a
- 4 medical transcriptionist without having been duly registered
- 5 by the Department under the provisions of this Act, except as
- 6 otherwise provided in this Act.
- 7 Section 25. Application. Each applicant for initial
- 8 registration as a medical transcriptionist must submit an
- 9 application in writing to the Department on a form containing
- information prescribed by the Department, which must include an
- 11 applicant's name, address, and telephone number, and
- 12 accompanied by a fee established by the Department.
- 13 Section 30. License expiration; renewal. A certificate of
- 14 registration issued by the Department under this Act shall
- expire every 2 years from the date of issuance.
- 16 Upon expiration, a registrant may renew his or her
- 17 certificate of registration in a form and manner prescribed by
- 18 the Department.
- 19 Section 35. Rulemaking. The Department may adopt any rules
- 20 and procedures necessary for the administration and
- 21 enforcement of this Act.

- 1 Section 90. The Regulatory Sunset Act is amended by adding
- 2 Section 4.28 as follows:
- 3 (5 ILCS 80/4.28 new)
- 4 Sec. 4.28. Act repealed on January 1, 2018. The following
- 5 Act is repealed on January 1, 2018:
- 6 The Registered Medical Transcriptionist Act.