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A BILL
25-545

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to revise the governing standards of various health occupations regulated in the District, to reorganize and update the composition and jurisdiction of various health occupation boards, and to regulate the practices of medical radiation technology, behavior analysis, school psychology, and general applied psychology; to amend the Department of Health Functions Clarification Act of 2001 to remove the requirement that a dementia training certificate be notarized, repeal certain advisory committees, and create a new Advisory Committee on Medical Radiation Technologists; to amend section 47-2853.76e of the District of Columbia Official Code to allow for ear piercings of minors with a sterilized hollow needle and tattoo services for individuals aged 16 and 17 with written consent from a parent or legal guardian; and to make other conforming and technical amendments.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2024”.

TITLE I. HEALTH PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE REVISIONS.

Sec. 101. The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) The table of contents is amended as follows:

(1) Title I is amended by adding a designation for a new section 105 to read as follows:
“Sec. 105. Telehealth.”.

32 (2) Title II is amended as follows:

33 (A) The designation for section 203 is amended to read as follows:

34 “Sec. 203. Board of Medicine; Advisory Committees on Anesthesiologist Assistants,
35 Polysomnography, Surgical Assistants, Trauma Technologists, Athletic Trainers, Maternal Care
36 Professionals, and Medical Radiation Technologists.”.

37 (B) The designation for section 208 is amended to read as follows:

38 “Sec. 208. Board of Pharmacy.”

39 (C) Repeal the designations for sections 205 and 217.

40 (D) Add designations for new sections 223 and 224 to read as follows:

41 “Sec. 223. Board of Rehabilitative Therapies.

42 “Sec. 224. Board of Integrative Healthcare.”.

43 (3) Title IV is amended by adding a designation for a new section 413 to read as
44 follows:

45 “Sec. 413. Immunity.”.

46 (4) Title V is amended as follows:

47 (A) Add designations for new sections 511a, 514a, 514b, and 525 to read
48 as follows:

49 “Sec. 511a. Emeritus status.

50 “Sec. 514a. Negotiated settlement agreement.

51 “Sec. 514b. Disciplinary or adverse action against nursing education or nursing
52 assistive personnel training programs.

53 “Sec. 525. Disciplinary records.”.

54 (B) Repeal the designation for section 513a.

55 (5) Title VI is amended as follows:

56 (A) The designation for Title VI is amended by striking the phrase
57 “PROTOCOL; COLLABORATION.” and inserting the phrase “PROTOCOL.” in its place.

58 (B) Add designations for new sections 605a, 606a, 607a, 607b, and 608a
59 to read as follows:

60 “Sec. 605a. Certified registered nurse anesthetist.

61 “Sec. 606a. Certified nurse-midwife.

62 “Sec. 607a. Certified nurse practitioner.

63 “Sec. 607b. Certified clinical nurse specialist.

64 “Sec. 608a. Qualifications, certification.”.

65 (C) Repeal the designation for section 603.

66 (6) Repeal the designation for Title VII-F.

67 (7) Add a designation for a new Title VII-G to read as follows:

68 “TITLE VII-G.
69 “QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE AS A BEHAVIOR ANALYST

70 “Sec. 771. Eligibility requirements and education.
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72 (8) Title VIII is amended by adding a designation for a new section 804a to read
73 as follows:

74 “Sec. 804a. Exceptions for non-clinical practice.”

75 (9) Title VIII-C is amended by repealing the designations for sections 853 and
76 854.

77 (10) Add designations for new Titles VIII-F and VIII-G to read as follows:

78 “Title VIII-F.

79 “CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE PRACTICE OF
80 PSYCHOLOGY

81 “Sec. 881. License and registration requirements.

82 “Sec. 882. Qualifications.

83 “Sec. 883. Limitations.”

84 “Title VIII-G.
85 “CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE PRACTICE OF MEDICAL
86 RADIATION
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88 “Sec. 891. Qualifications for licensure.

89 “Sec. 892. Limitations on practice.

90 “Sec. 893. Transition of licensed and registered medical radiation practitioners.”

91 (11) Title IX is amended as follows:

92 (A) The designation for section 902 is amended to read as follows:
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94 “Sec. 902. Dance Therapy.”

95 (B) The designation for section 907 is amended by striking the period and
96 inserting the phrase “; registration or certification required.” in its place.

97 (C) Repeal the designations for sections 903, 906, 908, and 912.

98 (D) Add a designation for a new section 913 to read as follows:

99 “Sec. 913. Doula.”.

100 (12) The designation for section 1204 is amended by striking the word “therapy”
101 and inserting the word “therapist” in its place.

102 (b) Section 101 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01) is amended as follows:

103 (1) The first paragraph (1) and paragraph (1A) are amended to read as follows:

104 “(1) “Board” means the Board of Dentistry, the Board of Dietetics and Nutrition,
105 the Board of Integrative Healthcare, the Board of Medicine, the Board of Nursing, the Board of
106 Optometry, the Board of Pharmacy, the Board of Podiatry, the Board of Professional Counseling,
107 the Board of Psychology, the Board of Rehabilitative Therapies, the Board of Respiratory Care,
108 the Board of Social Work, or the Board of Veterinary Medicine established by this act, as the
109 context requires.

110 “(1A) “Boards of Allied Health” means the Board of Dentistry, the Board of
111 Dietetics and Nutrition, the Board of Massage Therapy, the Board of Optometry, the Board of
112 Podiatry, the Board of Rehabilitative Therapies, and the Board of Respiratory Care.”.

113 (2) The second paragraph (1) is designated as paragraph (1C).

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114 (3) Paragraphs (1E), (1F), (1G), and (1H) are designated as paragraphs (10A),
115 (10B), (10C), and (10D).

116 (4) Paragraphs (1E), (10A), (10B), (10C), and (3) are repealed.

117 (5) Paragraph (1B) is amended by striking the phrase “means the Board of
118 Marriage and Family Therapy,” and inserting the word “means” in its place.

119 (6) Paragraph (10D) is amended by striking the word “midwife” and inserting the
120 phrase “health professional providing maternal services” in its place.

121 (7) Paragraph (6C) is amended to read as follows:

122 “(6C) “Doula” means an individual certified by the Board of Medicine to provide
123 culturally competent and continuous physical, emotional, and informational support to a birthing
124 parent during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum.”.

125 (8) A new paragraph (6C-i) is added to read as follows:

126 “(6C-i) “Electronic form” means a record created, generated, sent, communicated,
127 received, or stored by electronic means.”.

128 (9) Paragraph (15) is amended to read as follows:

129 “(15) “Suspension” means termination of the right to practice a health profession
130 for a specified period of time or until such time that the specified conditions in an order are
131 satisfied.”.

132 (10) A new paragraph (15A) is added to read as follows:

133 “(15A) “Telehealth” means the use of synchronous or asynchronous
134 telecommunication technology to provide access to health assessment, diagnosis, intervention,
135 consultation, supervision, and information where the health professional and the patient, client,
136 or supervisee are located at different physical locations.”.

137 (11) Paragraph (16) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase
138 “and is licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the District.” in its place.

139 (c) Section 102 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.02) is amended as follows:

140 (1) The lead-in language for paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

141 “(2) “Practice of advanced practice registered nursing” means the independent
142 performance of advanced-level nursing actions, with or without compensation, by a licensed
143 registered nurse with advanced education, knowledge, skills, and scope of practice who has been
144 certified to perform such actions by a national certifying body acceptable to the Board of
145 Nursing in the appropriate advanced practice registered nursing role and in at least one
146 population focus. Advanced practice registered nursing shall include the categories of certified
147 registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse-midwife, certified nurse-practitioner, and clinical
148 nurse specialist. The practice of advanced practice registered nursing includes:

149 “(A) Advanced assessment;

150 “(B) Medical diagnosis;

151 “(C) Prescribing;

152 “(D) Selecting, administering, and dispensing therapeutic measures;

153 “(E) Treating alterations of the health status; and

154 “(F) Carrying out other functions identified in subtitle VI of this title and in
155 accordance with procedures required by this title.”.

156 (2) Paragraph (2A-ii)(C)(iii) is repealed.

157 (3) Paragraph (2B)(A) is amended to read as follows:

158 “(2B)(A) “Practice of audiology” means the planning, directing, supervising, and
159 conducting of habilitative or rehabilitative counseling programs for individuals or groups of
160 individuals who have, or are suspected of having, disorders of hearing or balance; any service in
161 audiology, including prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation, habilitation or
162 rehabilitation, academic instruction, clinical instruction, and research; participating in hearing
163 conservation, hearing aid and assistive listening device evaluation, selection, preparation,
164 dispensing, and orientation; fabricating ear molds; cerumen management; interoperative
165 neurophysiologic monitoring; providing auditory training and speech reading; administering tests
166 of vestibular function or tinnitus; or speech and language screening limited to a pass-or-fail
167 determination for the purpose of identification of individuals with disorders of communication
168 and associated referral for management of communication and balance disorders, or cognitive,
169 dexterity, depression, or vision screening, and associated referral for management of related
170 disorders. The practice of audiology does not include the practice of medicine or osteopathic
171 medicine, or the performance of a task in the normal practice of medicine or osteopathic
172 medicine by a person to whom the task is delegated by a licensed physician.”.

173 (4) The existing paragraph (2C-i) is redesignated as paragraph (2C-ii).

174 (5) A new paragraph (2C-i) is added to read as follows:

175 “(2C-i) “Practice of behavior analysis” means the design, implementation, and
176 evaluation of environmental modifications to produce socially significant improvement in human
177 behavior, including the use of direct observation, measurement, and functional analysis of the
178 relationship between environment and behavior.”.

179 (6) Paragraph (3)(A) is amended to read as follows:

180 “(3)(A) “Practice of chiropractic” means practicing a primary care health
181 discipline through the evaluation, examination, diagnosis, counseling, and treatment or
182 management of biomechanical or physiological conditions or disorders that compromise neural
183 integrity or organ system function; the use of x-rays and advanced diagnostic imaging, physical
184 examination, and examination by instrumentation for the detection and correction of
185 subluxations and somatic dysfunctions that cause vertebral, neuromuscular, or skeletal disorder;
186 the adjustment of the spine or manipulation of bodily articulations for the restoration and
187 maintenance of health; and the referral of a patient for diagnostic imaging, tests, and clinical
188 laboratory procedures in order to determine a regimen of chiropractic care or to form a basis or
189 referral of patients to other licensed health care professionals. The practice of chiropractic does
190 not include the use of drugs or surgery but may include ancillary procedures such as dry needling
191 in accordance with the rules and requirements promulgated by the Mayor.”.

192 (7) Paragraph (3A) is amended by striking the phrase “or cells desquamated from
193 a body surface or lesion” and inserting the phrase “cells desquamated from a body surface or
194 lesion, or cells aspirated from a lesion” in its place.

195 (8) Paragraph (4) is amended as follows:

196 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:

197 “(4)(A) “Practice of dental hygiene” means the performance of any of the
198 following activities in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (B) of this paragraph:

199 “(i) A preliminary dental examination, including charting of
200 cavities, soft tissue examination, periodontal examination, and oral cancer screening; a complete
201 prophylaxis, including the removal of any deposit, accretion, or stain from the surface of a tooth
202 or a restoration; debridement; scaling and root planing; soft tissue curettage; application of
203 topical fluoride and fluoride varnish; and the polishing of a tooth or a restoration;

204 “(ii) Applying a medicinal agent to a tooth for a prophylactic
205 purpose;

206 “(iii) Taking dental radiographs;

207 “(iv) Instructing individuals or groups of individuals in oral health
208 care;

209 “(v) Administering local anesthesia and nitrous oxide when
210 certified by the Board of Dentistry to do so;”

211 “(vi) Applying pit and fissure sealants;

212 “(vii) Placing and removing periodontal dressings;
213 “(viii) Administering vaccinations under the direct supervision of a
214 dentist licensed under this act when certified by the Board of Dentistry to do so;
215 “(ix) Prescribing topical prescription or over-the-counter fluoride
216 preparations and topical antimicrobial oral rinses, under the general supervision of a dentist
217 licensed under this act;
218 “(x) Performing blood glucose testing;
219 “(xi) Placing or removing temporary restorations and crowns;
220 “(xii) Taking study cast impressions;
221 “(xiii) Removing sutures; and
222 “(xiv) Any other functions included in the curricula of approved
223 educational programs in dental hygiene, including dental hygiene diagnosis.”.

224 (B) Subparagraph (B) is amended as follows:

225 (i) Strike the phrase “A dental hygienist may perform” and insert
226 the phrase “Except for administering vaccinations, a dental hygienist may perform” in its place;

227 (ii) Strike the phrase “in his or her office or any public school or
228 institution rendering dental services.” and insert the phrase “in their office or mobile dental clinic
229 and in any public health setting, including a health care facility, correctional institution,
230 residential facility, public school, shelter for victims of domestic abuse or runaways, foster
231 home, nonprofit clinic, and long-term care facility rendering dental services as that term is

232 defined in section 101(7) of the District of Columbia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Act
233 of 1988, effective March 16, 1989 (D.C. Law 7-218; D.C. Official Code § 7-701.01(7)).” in its
234 place.

235 (iii) Strike the phrase “subparagraph (A)(vi)” and insert the phrase
236 “subparagraph (A)(xiv)” in its place.

237 (C) Subparagraph (C) is amended to read as follows:

238 “(C) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term:

239 “(i) “Collaborative practice agreement” means a formal agreement
240 between a licensed dentist and a licensed dental hygienist agreed upon by both parties that
241 includes, at a minimum, the roles and responsibilities of each party, the ways in which they will
242 collaborate, and the specific procedures, patient types, and protocols the dental hygienist must
243 follow when practicing under the agreement.

244 “(ii) “Dental hygiene diagnosis” means the identification of an
245 existing oral health problem that a dental hygienist is qualified and licensed to treat within the
246 scope of the practice and focuses on behavioral risks and physical conditions related to oral
247 health.

248 “(iii) “General supervision” means the performance by a dental
249 hygienist of procedures permitted by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph based on instructions
250 given by a dentist licensed under this Act, but not requiring the physical presence of the dentist
251 during the performance of these procedures. General supervision in dental clinics and public

252 health settings shall be pursuant to a collaborative practice agreement, meeting the requirements
253 set forth by the Mayor through rulemaking, with a dentist licensed under this act that designates
254 authorization for the services provided by the dental hygienist; provided, that the dental hygienist
255 has documented completion of a Board-approved course on medical emergencies within each
256 continuing education cycle”.

257 (9) Paragraph (6) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.02(6)) is amended as follows:

258 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:

259 “(6)(A) “Practice of nutrition” means the application of the scientific principles
260 derived from the study of food, nutrition, biochemistry, metabolism, physiology, and behavioral
261 sciences for achieving and maintaining health throughout the lifespan; the provision of nutrition
262 care services in-person or via telehealth, including medical nutrition therapy to prevent, manage,
263 or treat diseases or medical conditions and promote wellness; the ordering of patient diets,
264 including therapeutic diets via oral routes; the ordering of medical laboratory tests related to
265 nutritional therapeutic treatments; and the provision of recommendations on vitamin, mineral,
266 and other dietary supplements.”.

267 (B) A new subparagraph (A-i) is added to read as follows:

268 “(A-i) “Practice of dietetics” includes the entire scope of practice of
269 nutrition included in subparagraph (6)(A), as well as the application of scientific principles
270 derived from the study of nutrigenomics, pharmacology, and food systems management; the
271 development and ordering of therapeutic diets, via oral, enteral, and parenteral routes; and the

272 provision of advanced clinical nutrition care services consistent with current Scope and
273 Standards of Practice for dietitians registered by the Commission on Dietetic Registration.”.

274 (C) A new subparagraph (C) is added to read as follows:

275 “(C) For the purposes of this paragraph, the term “medical nutrition
276 therapy” means the provision of any of the following nutrition care services for the purpose of
277 management or treatment of a disease or medical condition:

278 “(i) Nutrition assessment;

279 “(ii) Nutrition diagnosis;

280 “(iii) Nutrition intervention; and

281 “(iv) Nutrition monitoring and evaluation.”.

282 (10) Paragraphs (6A) and (6A-i) are repealed.

283 (11) Paragraph (6B) is amended as follows:

284 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “the context of
285 marriage and family systems.” and inserting the phrase “the context of, or arising from, marriage
286 and family systems.” in its place.

287 (B) Subparagraphs (B) and (C) are repealed.

288 (12) Paragraphs (6B-i) and (6B-ii) are repealed.

289 (13) New paragraphs (6D) and (6E) are added to read as follows:

290 “(6D) “Practice of medical assistants” means performing assistance with minor
291 medical practices that, other than the administration of vaccines or other injections, do not

292 involve any subcutaneous procedure and occur only under the direct supervision of a physician,
293 physician assistant, or advance practice registered nurse.”.

294 “(6E) “Practice of medical radiation technology” means the use of ionizing or
295 non-ionizing radiation for the purposes of medical imaging and treatment in any of the following
296 categories:

297 “(A) The practice of cardiovascular-interventional technology, which
298 means the use of imaging equipment to perform a comprehensive scope of invasive cardiac or
299 neurological, peripheral, and visual cardiovascular and non-vascular diagnostic, therapeutic and
300 interventional procedures that are displayed in radiographic or digital images for the purpose of
301 assisting physicians in diagnostic and interventional procedures;

302 “(B) The practice of computed tomography technology, which means the
303 use of ionizing radiation to produce tomographic images or slices of specific areas of the body on
304 film, fluorescent material, or an image display device;

305 “(C) The practice of magnetic resonance technology, which means the use
306 of resonance frequency within a magnetic field to evaluate anatomic or physiologic conditions of
307 the body, perform spectral analysis, perform functional and anatomic analysis, and provide a
308 basis for interventional or therapeutic procedures that utilize magnetic resonance technology;

309 “(D) The practice of mammography, which means the use of low-dose x-
310 rays to image internal structures of the breast for purposes of detecting abnormal growths or
311 cysts;

312 “(E) The practice of nuclear medicine technology, which means the use of
313 in vivo and in vitro detection and measurement of radioactivity and the administration of
314 radiopharmaceuticals and radionuclides for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes;

315 “(F) The practice of radiation therapy, which means the administration of
316 ionizing and non-ionizing radiation to human beings for therapeutic purposes as prescribed and
317 supervised by a radiation oncologist;

318 “(G) The practice of radiography, which means the use of ionizing
319 radiation projected through the body to produce radiographic or fluoroscopic images;

320 “(H) The practice by radiologist assistants, which means the practice of
321 radiography in the areas of patient care, patient management, clinical imaging and interventional
322 procedures, but does not include interpreting images, making diagnoses, or prescribing
323 medication or therapies; and

324 “(I) The practice of ultrasonography or sonography, which means the use
325 of ultrasound for the visualization of subcutaneous body structures including tendons, muscles,
326 joints, vessels, and internal organs for possible pathology or lesions.”.

327 (14) Paragraph (7B) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.02(7B)) is amended to read as
328 follows:

329 “(7B) “Practice by nursing assistive personnel” means the performance by
330 authorized individuals who have been assigned direct patient care tasks that are common to
331 nursing functions and do not require professional skill or judgment within a health care,

332 residential, or community support setting; provided, that the patient care tasks are performed
333 under the general supervision of a licensed health care professional. Nursing assistive personnel
334 includes:

335 “(A) Nurse aides;

336 “(B) Medication aides;

337 “(C) Home-health aides;

338 “(D) Patient care technicians;

339 “(E) Trained medication employees;

340 “(F) Dialysis technicians; and

341 “(G) Any other profession as determined by the Mayor through
342 rulemaking.”.

343 (15) Paragraph (9)(A) is amended as follows:

344 (A) Sub-subparagraph (i) is amended to read as follows:

345 “(i) The therapeutic use of everyday life activities and the use of
346 other occupational therapy techniques to engage clients who have disability- or non-disability-
347 related needs in everyday life occupations to enable participation in activities at home, school,
348 the workplace, or other community settings to promote habilitation, rehabilitation, and health and
349 wellness, with or without compensation;”.

350 (B) Sub-subparagraph (iii) is amended by striking the word “patients” and
351 inserting the word “clients” in its place.

352 (16) Paragraph (10)(E) and is amended to read as follows:

353 “(E) An individual licensed to practice optometry may administer or
354 prescribe the following drugs:

355 “(i) Antibiotics, but not oral systemic antiviral or antifungal agents;

356 “(ii) Antihistamines;

357 “(iv) Non-steroidal anti-inflammatories;

358 “(iv) Medication for the initiation of immediate emergency

359 treatment of angle closure glaucoma; and

360 “(v) Injectable systemic drugs to counter anaphylactic reactions.”.

361 (17) Paragraph (10A)(A) is amended by striking the phrase “communicating in
362 person” and inserting the phrase “communicating in person or through interactive virtual
363 communication” in its place.

364 (18) Paragraph (11) is amended as follows:

365 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:

366 “(11)(A) “Practice of pharmacy” means the interpretation and evaluation of
367 prescription orders; the dispensing and labeling of drugs, devices, and biologicals; the
368 compounding of drugs as authorized by federal and District law; the prescribing and dispensing
369 of self-administered hormonal contraceptives when certified by the Board of Pharmacy to do so
370 and in accordance with regulations issued by the Mayor; drug and device selection;
371 responsibility for advising and providing information, where regulated or otherwise necessary,

372 concerning drugs, devices, and biologicals, and their therapeutic values, content, hazards, and
373 uses in the treatment and prevention of disease; responsibility for conducting drug-regimen
374 reviews; responsibility for the proper and safe storage and distribution of drugs, devices, and
375 biologicals; the administration of a prescribed drug, device, and biological in accordance with
376 regulations issued by the Mayor; the order and administration of immunizations and vaccinations
377 in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s published guidelines and
378 recommended immunization schedules for adults aged 18 and older with valid identification,
379 adolescents and children aged 3 through 17 with written informed parental consent or without
380 consent if authorized by District law, and the administration of immunizations and vaccinations
381 to any individual pursuant to a valid prescription when certified by the Board of Pharmacy to do
382 so; conducting health screenings, including ordering, performing, and interpreting Clinical
383 Laboratory Improvement Amendments-waived tests; the offering or performance of those acts,
384 services, operations, and transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, management, and
385 control of a pharmacy; the initiating, modifying, or discontinuing a drug therapy in accordance
386 with a duly executed collaborative practice agreement; the maintenance of proper records; and a
387 range of professional healthcare and clinical services as determined by the Mayor through
388 rulemaking, but including:

389 “(i) Medication Therapy Management;

390 “(ii) Management of chronic conditions, including Type 2 diabetes
391 mellitus and hypertension;

- 392 “(iii) Performing foot checks for patients with diabetes;
393 “(iv) Performing point-of-care testing for blood glucose;
394 “(v) Providing diabetes education;
395 “(vi) Performing point-of-care testing and cholesterol monitoring;
396 “(vii) Offering tobacco-cessation services;
397 “(viii) Providing transition-of-care services;
398 “(ix) Administering anticoagulation therapy;
399 “(x) Screening for depression and other mental health conditions;
400 “(xi) Conducting asthma Control checks;
401 “(xii) Screening for sexually transmitted diseases; and
402 “(xiii) Extending prescriptions as medically necessary, excluding
403 controlled substances or specialized medications; and
404 “(xiv) Initiation of Pre Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) and Post
405 Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) for the prevention of HIV/AIDS pursuant to a protocol.”.

406 (B) Subparagraph (B) is amended to read as follows:

407 “(B) Within the meaning of this paragraph, the term:

408 “(i) “Administration” means the direct application of a prescription
409 drug, device, or biological to the body of the patient by injection, inhalation, ingestion, or other
410 means.

411 “(ii) “Collaborative practice agreement” means a voluntary written
412 agreement between a licensed pharmacist and a licensed physician that has been approved by the
413 Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medicine, either directly or through rulemaking, or between
414 a licensed pharmacist and another health practitioner with independent prescriptive authority
415 licensed by a District health occupation board, that defines the scope of practice between the
416 licensed pharmacist and licensed physician, or other health practitioner, for the initiation,
417 modification, or discontinuation of a drug therapy regimen.

418 “(iii) “Pharmacy” means an establishment or institution, or any
419 part thereof, where the practice of pharmacy is conducted, drugs are compounded or dispensed,
420 offered for sale, given away, or displayed for sale at retail, or prescriptions are compounded or
421 dispensed.

422 “(iv) “Prescription” means an order for a drug, medicinal
423 chemical, biological, or combination or mixtures thereof, or for a medically prescribed medical
424 device, in writing, or on an approved electronic form, dated and signed by an authorized health
425 professional, or given orally to a pharmacist by an authorized health professional or the person’s
426 authorized agent and immediately reduced to writing by the pharmacist or pharmacy intern.”.

427 (C) A new subparagraph (C) is added to read as follows:

428 “(C) The Mayor shall establish regulations to ensure the safe and effective
429 provision of the services listed under paragraph (A) of this section, including appropriate training
430 requirements and protocols for collaboration with other healthcare professionals.”.

431 (19) Paragraph (12) is amended as follows:

432 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:

433 “(12)(A) Practice of physical therapy” means the independent evaluation or
434 treatment of human disability, injury, or disease through the specific scientific application of
435 physical measures to secure the functional rehabilitation of the human body, utilizing standard
436 procedures of physical therapy to treat patients with mechanical, physiological, and
437 developmental impairments, functional limitations, and disabilities, or other health and
438 movement-related conditions, to alleviate the effects of these conditions, to reduce the risk of
439 injury, and to promote and maintain fitness, health, and wellness in populations of all ages; the
440 ability to order imaging as part of the evaluation process; and the teaching and researching of
441 physical therapy.”.

442 (B) Paragraph (B) is amended to read as follows:

443 “(B) “Practice by physical therapist assistants” means the performance of selected
444 components of a physical therapy treatment intervention by a person who has graduated from a
445 physical therapist assistant program accredited by an agency recognized for that purpose by the
446 Secretary of the Department of Education or the Council of Postsecondary Accreditation and is
447 licensed pursuant to this act to assist a physical therapist.”.

448 (20) Paragraph (14) is amended to read as follows:

449 “(14) “Practice of podiatry” means the diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and care
450 of pathology and ailments of all structures and tissues of the human foot and ankle, the

451 anatomical structures that attach to the human foot, ankle, and soft tissue at or below the knee,
452 by surgical, medical, or mechanical means, with or without compensation. A licensed podiatrist
453 may administer local anesthesia, as well as injections, immunizations, and vaccinations.”.

454 (21) Paragraph (15) is amended to read as follows:

455 “(15) “Practice of practical nursing” means the performance, under the
456 supervision of a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, licensed physician, or other
457 authorized health care provider, with or without compensation, of directed nursing services
458 required in observing and caring for sick, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients, in
459 promoting preventive measures in community health, in acting to safeguard life and health, in
460 administering treatment and medication prescribed by a physician, dentist, or advanced practice
461 registered nurses, or in performing other acts not requiring the skill, judgment, and knowledge of
462 a registered nurse. The practice of practical nursing includes the training of nursing assistive
463 personnel and shall be subject to the nursing standards established or recognized by the Board of
464 Nursing in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Mayor.”.

465 (22) Paragraph (15B) is amended as follows:

466 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and
467 inserting a semicolon in its place.

468 (B) Subparagraph (B) is amended by striking the period and inserting a
469 semicolon in its place.

470 (C) New subparagraphs (C) and (D) are added to read as follows:

471 “(C) Determining and evaluating treatment goals and objectives and
472 implementing counseling techniques and evidence-based counseling methods, models, and
473 interventions to achieve treatment plan goals; and

474 “(D) Teaching and supervising the practice of professional counseling.”.

475 (23) Paragraph (16) is amended to read as follows:

476 “(16)(A) “Practice of psychology” means the observation, description, evaluation,
477 interpretation, prediction, and modification of human behavior by the application of
478 psychological principles, methods, and procedures, with or without compensation, for the
479 purposes of:

480 “(i) Preventing, eliminating, assessing, or predicting symptomatic,
481 maladaptive, or undesired behavior;

482 “(ii) Evaluating, assessing, or facilitating the enhancement of individual,
483 group, or organizational effectiveness, including personal effectiveness, adaptive behavior,
484 interpersonal relationships, work and life adjustment, health, and individual, group, or
485 organizational performance; or

486 “(iii) Providing effective services to help children and youth succeed
487 academically, socially, behaviorally, and emotionally and direct educational and mental health
488 services for children and youth, including working with parents, educators, and other
489 professionals to create supportive learning and social environments for children.

490 “(B) Limitations on the authorization to practice psychology under this paragraph
491 shall be set forth as follows:

492 “(i) A person licensed as a health services psychologist is authorized to
493 practice psychology within the full scope of subparagraph (A) of this paragraph;

494 “(ii) A person licensed as a general applied psychologist is authorized to
495 practice psychology within the scope of subparagraph (A)(ii) of this paragraph;

496 “(iii) A person registered as a school psychologist is authorized to practice
497 psychology within the scope of subparagraph (A)(iii) of this paragraph; and

498 “(iv) A person registered as a psychology associate is authorized to
499 practice psychology within the scope of subparagraph (A)(i) of this paragraph; provided, that
500 they practice only under the supervision of a licensed health services psychologist.”

501 “(C) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing or restricting the
502 practice, services, or activities of:

503 “(i) An individual bearing the title of psychologist in the employ of an
504 academic institution, research organization, or laboratory, if the psychology-based activities or
505 services offered are within the scope of employment, are consistent with his or her professional
506 training and experience, and are provided within the confines of employment; or

507 “(ii) A school psychologist employed by District of Columbia Public
508 Schools or a public charter school and working in accordance with regulations issued by the
509 Office of the State Superintendent of Education.”

510 (24) A new paragraph (16A) is added to read as follows:

511 “(16A) “Practice of recreational therapy” means the systematic process that
512 utilizes recreation and other activity-based interventions to address the assessed needs of
513 individuals with illness or disabling conditions as a means of psychological and physical health,
514 recovery, and well-being, including treatment services designed to restore, remediate, and
515 rehabilitate a person’s level of functioning and independence in life activities, to promote health
516 and wellness and reduce, or to eliminate the activity limitations and restrictions to participate in
517 life situations caused by illness or a disabling condition.”.

518 (25) Paragraph (17) is amended to read as follows:

519 “(17) “Practice of registered nursing” means the performance of the full scope of
520 nursing services, with or without compensation, designed to promote, protect, optimize, and
521 maintain health and abilities, prevent illness and injury, facilitate healing, alleviate suffering
522 through the diagnosis and treatment of human response, and advocate for the care of individuals,
523 families, groups, communities, and populations. The practice includes the performance of acts
524 requiring substantial specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill based on the principles of the
525 biological, physiological, behavioral, and sociological sciences, including administrative,
526 educational, and research functions, and shall be subject to standards established or recognized
527 by the Board of Nursing and in accordance with regulations promulgated by the Mayor.”.

528 (26) Paragraph (17A) is amended to read as follows:

529 “(17A) “Practice of respiratory care” means the diagnostic evaluation,
530 assessment, care and treatment, management, or rehabilitation, in collaboration with a licensed
531 physician, of patients who have deficiencies and abnormalities which affect the pulmonary
532 system and associated aspects of the cardiopulmonary or other systems.”.

533 (27) Paragraph (18)(A) is amended to read as follows:

534 “(18)(A) “Practice of social work” means the application of social work theory,
535 knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social,
536 psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups,
537 organizations, and communities, which may include, depending on an individual’s level of social
538 work licensure and area of practice, the formulation of psychosocial evaluation and assessment,
539 counseling, psychotherapy, referral, advocacy, mediation, consultation, research, administration,
540 education, and community organization.”.

541 (28) Paragraph (19A) is amended by striking the phrase “under the direct
542 supervision” and inserting the phrase “under the supervision” in its place.

543 (d) Section 103(d) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.03(d)) is amended as follows:

544 (1) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the semicolon and inserting a period in
545 its place.

546 (2) Paragraphs (3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) are repealed.

547 (e) A new section 105 is added to read as follows:

548 “Sec. 105. Telehealth.

549 “(a) A health professional licensed, registered, or certified in the District pursuant to this
550 act may provide a telehealth service to a District resident or person located in the District if
551 doing so is:

552 “(1) Consistent with the applicable standard of care in the District and the health
553 professional’s scope of authorized practice in the District; and

554 “(2) Not otherwise prohibited by law or regulation.

555 “(b) A practitioner-patient or practitioner-client relationship may be established through
556 telehealth in accordance with the appropriate standard of care and the practitioner’s competence
557 and scope of practice; provided, that the Mayor may through rulemaking issue additional
558 requirements for specific health professionals to establish a practitioner-client relationship,
559 including an initial in-person physical examination.

560 “(c)(1) A health professional who provides a telehealth service shall do so in a manner
561 consistent with the standard of care applicable to a health professional who provides a
562 comparable health care service in person in the District.

563 “(2) The professional practice standards, rules, and laws applicable to the
564 provision of healthcare services, including those related to identity verification, documentation,
565 informed consent, confidentiality, privacy, and security shall apply to the provision of telehealth
566 services.

567 “(d) A health professional providing telehealth services who is authorized to prescribe
568 medications shall comply with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Act of 2013, effective

569 February 22, 2014 (D.C. Law 20-66; D.C. Code § 48-853.01 *et seq.*), and all District or federal
570 laws and rules related to prescription and controlled substances.

571 “(e) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (f) of this section, a practitioner who
572 does not hold a license, registration, or certification to practice in the District pursuant to this act
573 may not provide a telehealth service to a client or patient physically located in the District unless
574 the practitioner and the client or patient have an existing practitioner-client or practitioner-patient
575 relationship and:

576 “(1)The client or patient is temporarily present in the District; or

577 “(2) The client or patient is a District resident and the telehealth services provided
578 do not exceed 120 days or a longer period of time as determined by the Mayor through
579 rulemaking.

580 “(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to conflict with interstate reciprocity
581 agreements or occupational licensure interstate compacts entered into by the District.”.

582 (f) Section 203 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.03) is amended as follows:

583 (1) The section heading is amended to read as follows:

584 “Sec. 203. Board of Medicine; Advisory Committees on Anesthesiologist Assistants,
585 Polysomnography, Surgical Assistants, Trauma Technologists, Athletic Trainers, Maternal Care
586 Professionals, and Medical Radiation Technologists.”.

587 (2) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

588 (A) Paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

589 “(2) The Board shall regulate the practice of medicine, the practice by
590 anesthesiologists assistants with the advice of the Advisory Committee on Anesthesiologist
591 Assistants, the practice of medical radiation technology with the advice of the Advisory
592 Committee on Medical Radiation Technologists, the practice by physician assistants, the practice
593 by surgical assistants with the advice of the Advisory Committee on Surgical Assistants, the
594 practice by physicians-in-training, the practice by trauma technologists with the advice of the
595 Advisory Committee on Trauma Technologists, the practice of athletic training with the advice
596 of the Advisory Committee on Athletic Trainers, and the practices of certified professional
597 midwifery and doulas with the advice of the Advisory Committee on Maternal Care
598 Professionals.”.

599 (B) A new paragraph (2A) is added to read as follows:

600 “(2A) The Board shall also regulate the practice of acupuncture and the practice
601 of naturopathic medicine until the Board of Integrative Healthcare commences operations
602 pursuant to Section 224(f).”.

603 (C) Paragraph (3) is amended as follows:

604 (i) The existing language is designated as subparagraph (A).

605 (ii) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the period and
606 inserting the phrase “; except, that from the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision
607 General Amendment Act of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024
608 (Committee Print of Bill 25-545) (“2024 Act”), of the members of the Board, 9 shall be

609 physicians licensed to practice in the District, 2 shall be physician assistants licensed to practice
610 in the District, 3 shall be consumer members, and one shall be the Director of the Department of
611 Health or his or her designee.” in its place.

612 (iii) A new subparagraph (B) is added to read as follows:

613 “(B) The Chair of the Board as of the effective date of the 2024 Act shall
614 be a physician member.”.

615 (D) Paragraph (8) is amended as follows:

616 (i) Subparagraph (A) is repealed.

617 (ii) Subparagraph (B-ii) is repealed.

618 (iii) Subparagraph (C) is amended by striking the phrase “ in
619 accordance with guidelines approved by the Advisory Committee on Physician Assistants;” and
620 inserting a semicolon in its place.

621 (iv) Subparagraph (H) is amended by striking the phrase “; and”
622 and inserting a semicolon in its place.

623 (v) Subparagraph (I) is amended by striking the period at the end
624 and inserting the phrase “; and” in its place.

625 (vi) A new subparagraph (J) is added to read as follows:

626 “(J) The practice of medical radiation technology in accordance with
627 guidelines approved by the Advisory Committee on Medical Radiation Technologists.”.

628 (E) Subsection (a-2) is repealed.

629 (g) Section 204 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.04) is amended as follows:

630 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “;
631 except that, from the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act
632 of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill
633 25-545) (“2024 Act”), the Board shall consist of 13 members.” in its place.

634 (2) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

635 (A) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as follows:

636 “(b)(1) The Board shall regulate the practice of advanced practice registered nursing,
637 practice of registered nursing, practice of practical nursing, practice by nursing assistive
638 personnel, practice of nursing home administration, practice of assisted living administration,
639 and practice of home health care administration.”.

640 (B) Paragraph (2) is amended as follows:

641 (i) Strike the phrase “required for the approval of nursing schools
642 and nursing programs” and insert the phrase “required for the approval of nursing education
643 programs” in its place.

644 (ii) Strike the phrase “may also recommend” and insert the phrase
645 “shall also recommend” in its place.

646 (iii) Strike the phrase “withdrawing approval of nursing schools
647 and nursing programs.” and insert the phrase “withdrawing approval of nursing education
648 programs and training programs for nursing assistive personnel.” in its place.

649 (3) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “except, that
650 from the effective date of the 2024 Act, of the members of the Board, 4 shall be registered nurses
651 licensed in the District, 2 shall be practical nurses licensed in the District, one shall be a nursing
652 home administrator, assisted living administrator, or home health care administrator licensed in
653 the District, one shall be a nursing assistive personnel registered or certified in the District, 3
654 shall be registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, practical nurses, or nursing
655 assistive personnel licensed, registered, or certified in the District, and 2 shall be consumer
656 members.” in its place.

657 (h) Section 205 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.05) is repealed.

658 (i) Section 206 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.06) is amended by adding a new subsection
659 (f) to read as follows:

660 “(f) The Board shall be dissolved on the day the Board of Rehabilitative Therapies
661 commences operation pursuant to section 223(e).”.

662 (j) Section 207 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.07) is amended as follows:

663 (1) Subsection (f) is amended to read as follows:

664 “(f) Upon application, the Board shall grant certification to administer diagnostic
665 pharmaceutical agents and prescribe therapeutic pharmaceutical agents to applicants who have
666 satisfied the requirements of the Board in accordance with the rules promulgated by the Mayor.”.

667 (2) Subsection (g) is repealed.

668 (k) Section 208 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.08) is amended as follows:

669 (1) The section heading is amended by striking the phrase “and Advisory
670 Committee on Clinical Laboratory Practitioners.” and inserting a period in its place.

671 (2) Subsection (b) is amended as follows:

672 (A) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as follows:

673 “(1) The Board shall regulate the practice of pharmacy, the practice of
674 pharmaceutical detailing, and the practice of pharmacy technicians.”.

675 (B) Paragraph (1A) is repealed.

676 (3) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “;
677 except, that from the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act
678 of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill
679 25-545), of the members of the Board, 5 shall be pharmacists licensed in the District, one shall
680 be a pharmacy technician registered in the District, and 1 shall be a consumer member.” in its
681 place.

682 (4) Subsection (f) is amended by striking the phrase “and only pursuant to a
683 written protocol and valid prescription or standing order of a physician.” and inserting a period in
684 its place.

685 (5) Subsection (g) is repealed.

686 (6) Subsections (i) through (m) are repealed.

687 (l) Section 209 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.09)) is amended by adding a new subsection
688 (f) to read as follows:

689 “(f) The Board shall be dissolved on the day the Board of Rehabilitative Therapies
690 commences operation pursuant to section 223(e).”.

691 (m) Section 211 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.11) is amended as follows:

692 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “;
693 except that, from the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act
694 of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill
695 25-545) (“2024 Act”), the Board shall consist of 6 members.” in its place.

696 (2) Subsection (b) is amended to read as follows:

697 “(b) The Board shall regulate the practice of psychology, the practice by psychology
698 associates, and the practice of behavior analysis.”.

699 (3) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “;
700 except, that from the effective date of the 2024 Act, of the members of the Board, 4 shall be
701 psychologists licensed in the District, one shall be a behavior analyst licensed in the District, and
702 one shall be a consumer member.” in its place.

703 (4) A new subsection (f) is added to read as follows:

704 “(f)(1) Within one year of the effective date of the 2024 Act, the Mayor shall issue rules
705 for the licensure and scope of practice of behavior analysis, which shall include at a minimum:

706 “(A) A code of ethics for the practice of behavior analysis;

707 “(B) Criteria for the educational and clinical training of licensed behavior
708 analysts;

709 “(C) Criteria for a professional competency examination and testing of
710 applicants for a license to practice behavior analysis; and

711 “(D) Continuing education requirements for license renewal.

712 “(2) The Board shall hold at least 2 public meetings to solicit input on the rules
713 developed pursuant to this subsection from behavior analysts and residents served by behavior
714 analysts before issuing rules.”.

715 (n) Section 212(c) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.12(c)) is amended by striking the period
716 and inserting the phrase “; except, that from the effective date of the Health Occupations
717 Revision General Amendment Act of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March
718 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill 25-545), of the members of the Board, 4 shall be social
719 workers licensed in the District; provided, that 3 of those members shall be a licensed graduate
720 social worker, licensed independent social worker, or licensed independent clinical social
721 worker, while the remaining member may be from any of the 4 licensing categories established
722 by Title VIII, and one shall be a consumer member.” in its place.

723 (o) Section 213 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.13) is amended as follows:

724 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “;
725 except, that from the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act
726 of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill
727 25-545) (“2024 Act”), the Board shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Mayor with the
728 advice and consent of the Council.” in its place.

729 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “and addiction counseling.”
730 and inserting the phrase “addiction counseling, dance therapy, and marriage and family therapy.”
731 in its place.

732 (3) Subsection (d) is amended to read as follows:

733 “(d) Of the members of the Board, 2 shall be professional counselors licensed in the
734 District, one shall be an educator engaged in teaching counseling, one shall be a professional art
735 therapist, one shall be a consumer member, and one shall have at least 5 years of experience in
736 the field of addiction counseling; except, that from the effective date of the 2024 Act, of the
737 members of the Board:

738 “(1) 3 shall be professional counselors licensed in the District;

739 “(2) One shall be a professional art therapist licensed in the District;

740 “(3) One shall be a marriage and family therapist licensed in the District;

741 “(4) One shall be a professional counselor, a professional art therapist, a
742 marriage and family therapist, or an addiction counselor licensed or certified in the District; and

743 “(5) One shall be a consumer member; provided, that of the members who
744 are licensed professional counselors, one shall be an educator engaged in teaching counseling
745 and one shall have at least 3 years of experience in the field of addiction counseling.”.

746 (p) Section 214 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.14) is amended as follows:

747 (1) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the word “therapy” and inserting the
748 word “care” in its place.

749 (2) Subsection (c) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “;
750 except, that from the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act
751 of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill
752 25-545), of the members of the Board, 3 shall be respiratory care practitioners licensed in the
753 District, one shall be either a physician with knowledge and experience in the practice of
754 respiratory care or a respiratory care practitioner, licensed in the District, and one shall be a
755 consumer member.”.

756 (q) Section 216 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.16) is amended by adding a new subsection
757 (f) to read as follows:

758 “(f) The Board shall be dissolved on the day the Board of Integrative Healthcare
759 commences operation pursuant to section 224(f).”.

760 (r) Section 217 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.17) is repealed.

761 (s) Section 218 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.18) is amended by adding a new subsection
762 (i) to read as follows:

763 “(i) The Board shall be dissolved on the day the Board of Rehabilitative Therapies
764 commences operation pursuant to section 223(e).”.

765 (t) New sections 223 and 224 are added to read as follows:

766 “Sec. 223. Board of Rehabilitative Therapies.

767 “(a) There is established a Board of Rehabilitative Therapies to consist of 11 members
768 appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council.

769 “(b) The Board shall regulate the practices of audiology, occupational therapy, physical
770 therapy, recreational therapy, and speech-language pathology and the practices by audiology
771 assistants, occupational therapy assistants, physical therapist assistants, speech-language
772 pathology assistants, and speech-language pathology clinical fellows.

773 “(c) Of the members of the Board, 3 shall be physical therapists or physical therapist
774 assistants licensed in the District, 2 shall be occupational therapists or occupational therapy
775 assistants licensed in the District, 2 shall be audiologists or speech-language pathologists
776 licensed in the District, one shall be a recreational therapist licensed in the District, 2 shall be
777 consumer members, and one shall be a District licensed or registered:

- 778 “(1) Audiologist;
- 779 “(2) Audiology assistant;
- 780 “(3) Physical therapist;
- 781 “(4) Physical therapist assistant;
- 782 “(5) Occupational therapist;
- 783 “(6) Occupational therapy assistant;
- 784 “(7) Recreational therapist;
- 785 “(8) Speech-language pathologist; or
- 786 “(9) Speech-language pathology assistant.

787 “(d) Of the members initially appointed under this section, 3 shall be appointed for a term
788 of one year, 4 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, and 4 shall be appointed for a term of 3

789 years. The terms of the members first appointed shall begin on the date that a majority of the first
790 members are sworn in, which shall become the anniversary date for all subsequent appointments.

791 “(e) The Board shall commence operation and assume regulatory authority from the
792 Boards of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, Physical Therapy, and Occupational
793 Therapy one year of the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment
794 Act of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of
795 Bill 25-545), or once the following appointments are made, whichever is earlier:

796 “(1) 2 members licensed to practice physical therapy;

797 “(2) 2 members licensed to practice occupational therapy;

798 “(3) One member authorized to practice speech-language pathology or audiology;

799 and

800 “(4) One consumer member.

801 “Sec. 224. Board of Integrative Healthcare.

802 “(a) There is established a Board of Integrative Healthcare to consist of 9 members
803 appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council.

804 “(b) The Board shall regulate the practice of acupuncture, chiropractic, and naturopathic
805 medicine.

806 “(c) Of the members of the Board, 2 shall be acupuncturists licensed in the District, 2
807 shall be doctors of chiropractic licensed in the District, 2 shall be naturopathic physicians
808 licensed in the District, one shall be a medical physician licensed in the District who works with

809 acupuncturists, doctors of chiropractic or naturopathic physicians, and 2 shall be consumer
810 members.

811 “(d) Except as provided in subsection (e) of this section, members of the Board shall be
812 appointed for terms of 3 years.

813 “(e) Of the members initially appointed under this section, 3 shall be appointed for a term
814 of 1 year, 3 shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, and 3 shall be appointed for a term of 3
815 years. The terms of the members first appointed shall begin on the date that a majority of the first
816 members are sworn in, which shall become the anniversary date for all subsequent appointments.

817 “(f) The Board shall commence operation and assume regulatory authority from the
818 Board of Medicine for the practices of acupuncture and naturopathic medicine and the Board of
819 Chiropractic one year of the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision General
820 Amendment Act of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024
821 (Committee Print of Bill 25-545), or once the following appointments are made, whichever is
822 earlier:

- 823 (1) One member licensed to practice acupuncture;
824 (2) One member licensed to practice chiropractic;
825 (3) One member licensed to practice naturopathic medicine;
826 (4) One member licensed to practice medicine who works with an acupuncturist, a
827 doctor of chiropractic, or a doctor of naturopathic medicine; and
828 (5) One consumer member.”.

829 (u) Section 302 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1203.02) is amended as follows:

830 (1) A new paragraph (10A) is added to read as follows:

831 “(10A) Creating and maintaining an online complaint form for the public to
832 submit a complaint regarding any health care professional registered or licensed by any Board
833 pursuant to this act or any unlicensed activity;”.

834 (2) Paragraph (12) is amended by striking the phrase “, except the Mayor may
835 provide for the issuance of temporary licenses to applicants for licensure to practice social work
836 and marriage and family therapy for a period not to exceed 1 year, and to applicants for licensure
837 to practice as anesthesiologist assistants for a period not to exceed 2 years;” and inserting a
838 semicolon in its place.

839 (v) Section 401(b)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1204.01(b)(2)) is amended by striking the
840 phrase “the trauma technologist member initially appointed to the Advisory Committee on
841 Trauma Technologists,” and inserting the phrase “the trauma technologist member initially
842 appointed to the Advisory Committee on Trauma Technologists, the athletic trainers initially
843 appointed to the Advisory Committee on Athletic Trainers, the certified professional midwives
844 and the doula initially appointed to the Advisory Committee on Maternal Care Professionals, the
845 practitioners of medical radiation technology initially appointed to the Advisory Committee on
846 Medical Radiation Technologists,” in its place.

847 (w) Section 404(b) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1204.04(b)) is amended to read as follows:

848 “(b) The failure of a member of a board or advisory committee to attend at least 1/2 of the
849 regular, scheduled meetings of a board or advisory committee within a 12-month period shall
850 constitute neglect of duty. Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Mayor may remove a member of a
851 board or advisory committee for such neglect of duty without a hearing.”.

852 (x) Section 405 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1204.05) is amended by adding a new
853 subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

854 “(a-1) Each board and advisory committee may elect a vice chairperson from among its
855 members.”.

856 (y) Section 408 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1204.08) is amended as follows:

857 (1) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the word “licenses” and inserting the
858 phrase “a license, registration, or certification,” in its place.

859 (2) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the word “licenses” and inserting the
860 phrase “licenses, registrations, or certifications” in its place.

861 (z) A new section 413 is added to read as follows:

862 “Sec. 413. Immunity.

863 “A person who is a member of a board, a staff member supporting a board, or a legally
864 authorized agent of a board acting without malice and in the furtherance of their duties shall have
865 immunity from civil liability for investigating, prosecuting, participating in a hearing, or
866 otherwise acting on an allegation of a ground for board action.”.

867 (aa) The designation for Title V is amended to read as follows:

868 "TITLE V.
869 "LICENSING, REGISTRATION, CERTIFICATION, OR APPROVAL REQUIRED."

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871 (bb) Section 501 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.01) is amended as follows:

872 (1) The section heading is amended to read as follows:

873 "Sec. 501. License, registration, certification, or approval required."

874 (2) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

875 (A) Paragraph (1) is amended to read as follows:

876 "(1) A license issued pursuant to this act is required to practice acupuncture,
877 advanced practice registered nursing, assisted living administration, audiology, cardiovascular-
878 interventionist technology, chiropractic, certified midwifery, certified professional midwifery,
879 computed tomography technology, dental hygiene, dentistry, dietetics, health services
880 psychology, general applied psychology, home health care administration, magnetic resonance
881 technology, mammography, marriage and family therapy, massage therapy, medicine,
882 naturopathic medicine, nuclear medicine technology, nursing home administration, nutrition,
883 occupational therapy, optometry, pharmaceutical detailing, pharmacy, physical therapy, podiatry,
884 practical nursing, professional art therapy, professional counseling, radiography, recreational
885 therapy, registered nursing, respiratory care, social work, speech-language pathology, ultrasound
886 technology or sonography, veterinary medicine, or to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant,
887 athletic trainer, graduate marriage and family therapist, graduate professional art therapist,
888 physician assistant, physical therapist assistant, polysomnographic technologist, occupational

889 therapy assistant, radiation therapist, radiologist assistant, surgical assistant, or as a trauma
890 technologist in the District, except as otherwise provided in this act.”.

891 (B) Paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

892 “(2) Registration is required to practice as an audiology assistant, dance therapist,
893 dental assistant, psychology associate, polysomnographic technician or trainee, school
894 psychologist, speech-language pathology assistant, or speech-language pathology clinical
895 fellow.”.

896 (C) New paragraphs (6) and (7) are added to read as follows:

897 “(6) Registration or certification under section 907 or rules promulgated by the
898 Mayor is required for any person to engage in the role or function of nursing assistive personnel.

899 “(7) Approval by the Board of Nursing is required to operate nursing education
900 programs and training programs for nursing assistive personnel in the District.”.

901 (cc) Section 502(a) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.02(a)) is amended as follows:

902 (1) Paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

903 “(2) To an individual employed by the federal government, while he or she is
904 acting in the official discharge of the duties of employment in the District;”.

905 (2) Paragraph (3) is amended to read as follows:

906 “(3) To an individual, licensed, registered, or certified to practice a health
907 occupation in a state, who is providing care to an individual, an animal, or a group (“client or
908 patient”) for a limited period of time, if:

909 “(A) The individual has been providing care to the client or patient located
910 in a state and is accompanying the client or patient to the District for a visit not exceeding 30
911 days;

912 “(B) The individual is called from a state in professional consultation by
913 or on behalf of a client or patient to visit, examine, treat, or provide advice regarding the specific
914 client or patient in the District; or

915 “(C) The individual is invited to give a demonstration of a procedure or
916 clinic in the District; provided, that the individual engages in the provision of care, consultation,
917 demonstration, or clinic in affiliation with a comparable health professional licensed, registered,
918 or certified pursuant to this act;”.

919 (3) Paragraph (3A) is amended by striking the phrase “retained to testify as an
920 expert witness” and inserting the phrase “retained to assess or evaluate a subject and to testify as
921 an expert witness” in its place.

922 (dd) Section 503 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.03) is amended as follows:

923 (1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

924 (A) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “age;” and inserting
925 the phrase “age; except that individuals applying for certification as nursing assistive personnel
926 shall be at least 16 years of age;” in its place.

927 (B) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase “and Titles VI, VII,
928 VIII and VIII-A” and inserting the phrase “and Titles VI, VII, VIII, VIII-A, VIII-B, VIII-C,
929 VIII-D, VIII-E, VIII-F, or VIII-G” in its place.

930 (C) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a
931 semicolon in its place.

932 (D) Paragraph (5) is amended by striking the period at the end and
933 inserting a semicolon in its place.

934 (E) New paragraphs (6) and (7) are added to read as follows:

935 “(6) Has not had a license, registration, or certification to practice a health
936 occupation revoked or suspended in another state if:

937 “(A) The basis of the license revocation or suspension would have
938 caused a similar result in the District; and

939 “(B) The revocation or suspension has not been terminated or the
940 applicant’s license has not been restored to good standing in the relevant state; and

941 “(7) Is not currently the subject of a pending disciplinary action regarding
942 the individual’s right to practice in another state.”.

943 (2) Subsection (c) is repealed.

944 (3) Subsection (d) is amended by striking the phrase “and Titles VI, VII, VIII and
945 VIII-A” and inserting the phrase “and Titles VI, VII, VIII, VIII-A, VIII-B, VIII-C, VIII-D, VIII-
946 E, VIII-F, and VIII-G” in its place.”.

947 (ee) Section 504 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.04) is amended as follows:

948 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “Board of Medicine” and
949 inserting the phrase “Board of Integrative Healthcare” in its place.

950 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “Board of Chiropractic” both
951 times it appears and inserting the phrase “Board of Integrative Healthcare” in its place.

952 (3) Subsection (d-2) is amended by striking the phrase “completed a minimum of
953 500 hours of training in massage therapy.” and inserting the phrase “completed the training in
954 massage therapy required pursuant to rules promulgated by the Mayor.” in its place.

955 (4) Subsection (e-1) is amended by striking the phrase “Board of Medicine”
956 wherever it appears and inserting the phrase “Board of Integrative Healthcare” in its place.

957 (5) Subsection (f)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “Board of Long-Term
958 Care Administration” and inserting “Board of Nursing” in its place.

959 (6) Subsection (g) is amended by striking the phrase “Board of Occupational
960 Therapy” both times it appears and inserting the phrase “Board of Rehabilitative Therapies” in
961 its place.

962 (7) Subsection (j) is amended as follows:

963 (A) Strike the phrase “physical therapy assistant” both times it appears and
964 insert the phrase “physical therapist assistant” in its place.

965 (B) Strike the phrase “Board of Physical Therapy” wherever it appears and
966 insert the phrase “Board of Rehabilitative Therapies” in its place.

967 (8) Subsection (o) is repealed.

968 (9) Subsection (p) is amended as follows:

969 (A) Strike the phrase “respiratory therapy” and insert the phrase
970 “respiratory care” in its place.

971 (B) Strike the phrase “Board of Respiratory Therapy” and insert the phrase
972 “Board of Respiratory Care” in its place.

973 (10) Subsection (t) is amended as follows:

974 (A) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the word “midwifery” and
975 inserting the phrase “certified professional midwifery” in its place.

976 (B) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the word “midwifery” and
977 inserting the phrase “certified professional midwifery” in its place.

978 (11) A new subsection (v) is added to read as follows:

979 “(v) For purposes of this section, references to the Board on Rehabilitative Therapies and
980 Board of Integrative Healthcare prior to their commencement of operations pursuant to sections
981 223(e) and 224(f), respectively, shall refer to the board with regulatory authority over the
982 respective health care profession prior to the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision
983 General Amendment Act of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024
984 (Committee Print of Bill 25-545).”.

985 (ff) Section 505 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.05) is amended as follows:

986 (1) Subsection (b) is amended by adding a new sentence at the end to read as
987 follows “An individual who does not have a social security number shall submit with the
988 application a sworn affidavit, under penalty of perjury, stating that he or she does not have a
989 social security number.”.

990 (2) New subsections (c), (d), and (e) are added to read as follows:

991 “(c) While a post office box may be provided as the applicant’s preferred mailing
992 address, an applicant shall provide their actual physical residential or business address for the
993 record.

994 “(d) An applicant shall have the burden of establishing that they meet the requirements
995 for the license, registration, or certification sought.

996 “(e) Any document or information required by this act or rule issued pursuant to this act
997 to be submitted for the issuance or renewal of a license, registration, or certification may be
998 submitted in electronic form in accordance with rules established by the Mayor.”.

999 (gg) Section 507 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.07) is amended by adding a new
1000 subsection (c) to read as follows:

1001 “(c) The Mayor may issue rules establishing standards and requirements by which a
1002 board may assess and determine that an endorsement applicant possesses current competency
1003 substantially equivalent to the competency standards required in the District, notwithstanding
1004 that the applicant may not have been licensed, registered, certified, or accredited by an

1005 accrediting association or a state board under the standards that were substantially equivalent to
1006 the District’s standards at the time of their licensure, registration, certification, or accreditation.”.

1007 (hh) Section 508a (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.08a) is amended to read as follows:

1008 “Sec. 508a. Temporary license, registration, or certification.

1009 “(a) A board may, in situations established by the Mayor through rulemaking, issue a
1010 temporary license, registration, or certification for a health care profession to an applicant if the
1011 applicant is licensed, registered, or certified and in good standing in another jurisdiction to
1012 practice the same profession.

1013 “(b) A temporary license, registration, or certification issued pursuant to this section shall
1014 be valid for a fixed period of time established by the issuing board, subject to any limits as may
1015 be established by the Mayor by rule.

1016 “(c) For the purposes of this section, the term “in good standing” means that the applicant
1017 has an active license and is not subject to any current public or private discipline, including
1018 probation, suspension, revocation, or any other public or private practice restriction.

1019 “(d) An applicant who previously held a license, registration or certification in the
1020 District that was revoked or suspended shall be not eligible for a temporary license, registration,
1021 or certification under this section.”.

1022 (ii) Subsection 509(a)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.09(a)(2)) is repealed.

1023 (jj) Section 509a (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.09a) is amended as follows:

1024 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “the Board” and inserting the
1025 phrase “the Board of Medicine” in its place.

1026 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “in any single year” and
1027 inserting “in any single calendar year” in its place.

1028 (3) Subsection (e)(4) is amended to read as follows:

1029 “(4) All initial applicants shall pay a license fee of a minimum of \$500.”.

1030 (4) Subsection (g)(2) is amended by striking the phrase “a fee of \$1,000,” and
1031 inserting the phrase “a minimum fee of \$1,000,” in its place.

1032 (kk) Section 510 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.10) is amended as follows:

1033 (1) Subsection (a) is amended to read as follows:

1034 “(a) The term of a license, registration, or certification shall not exceed 2 years;
1035 except, that the Mayor may by rule provide for a period of licensure, registration, or certification
1036 of not more than 3 years. An expiring license, registration, or certification may be renewed in
1037 accordance with rules issued by the Mayor.”.

1038 (2) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

1039 “(a-1) The Mayor may require a health professional to maintain the required
1040 qualifications for licensure, registration, or certification during the period of licensure,
1041 registration, or certification or for the renewal of the license, registration, or certification.”.

1042 (3) Subsection (b)(1) is repealed.

1043 (4) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

1044 (A) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “by first class
1045 mail” and inserting the phrase “by first class mail or electronic mail” in its place.

1046 (B) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “issued and mailed”
1047 and inserting the word “issued” in its place.

1048 (5) Subsection (d)(2) is amended by striking the semicolon and inserting the
1049 phrase “pursuant to this act or rules promulgated under this act;” in its place.

1050 (ll) Section 511 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.11) is amended as follows:

1051 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “on inactive status.” and
1052 inserting the phrase “on inactive status; except, that, the license, registration, or certification of a
1053 nursing assistive personnel, medical training licensee, medical training registrant,
1054 polysomnographic technician, polysomnographic trainee, speech-language pathology clinical
1055 fellow, or any health care professional as determined by the Mayor through rulemaking shall not
1056 be eligible to be placed on inactive status.” in its place.

1057 (2) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

1058 “(c) Each board shall, subject to the limitations specified in subsection (a) of this
1059 section, issue a license, registration, or certification to an individual who is on inactive status and
1060 who desires to resume the practice of a health occupation, if the individual:

1061 “(1) Pays the fee established by the Mayor;

1062 “(2) Seeks reactivation of the license, registration, or certification in

1063 accordance with the rules governing the profession and complies with the continuing education

1064 and criminal background check requirements in effect when the licensee, registrant, or person
1065 certified seeks to reactivate their license, registration, or certification; and

1066 “(3) Establishes to the satisfaction of the board that regulates the
1067 profession that they possess the current competency to practice their health profession safely and
1068 effectively, which may include compliance with a re-entry plan for individuals who have not
1069 actively practiced their profession for a period of time as established by rule.”.

1070 (3) A new subsection (d) is added to read as follows:

1071 “(d) The Mayor may establish by rule a maximum amount of time that a license,
1072 registration, or certification may remain inactive in accordance with each health care
1073 profession’s standards.”.

1074 (mm) A new section 511a is added to read as follows:

1075 “Sec. 511a. Emeritus status.

1076 “(a) The Mayor may issue rules permitting emeritus status for a licensee, registrant, or
1077 certificate holder who meets the following requirements:

1078 “(1) The person has at least 10 years of relevant licensed, registered, or certified
1079 practice in the District;

1080 “(2) The person provides a declaration of retirement from active practice in all
1081 jurisdictions in which the person is licensed, registered, or certified;

1082 “(3) The person is not the subject of disciplinary action in any jurisdiction; and

1083 “(4) The person has had no prior revocation or suspension of their license,
1084 registration, or certification in any jurisdiction.

1085 “(b) An individual holding emeritus status permits the holder to refer to themselves by the
1086 title of their license, registration, or certification but may not:

1087 “(1) Engage in active practice of that health profession in the District or any other
1088 jurisdiction; or

1089 “(2) Either explicitly or implicitly hold themselves out to others as a person permitted
1090 to engage in active practice of that health profession.

1091 “(c) The board may cancel an emeritus license, registration, or certificate for failure to
1092 meet the requirements of subsections (a) or (b) of this section.

1093 “(d) The board may take disciplinary action against an emeritus status holder for
1094 violations of sections 501 or 514.

1095 “(e) An emeritus status holder may apply to change to an active license, registration, or
1096 certification status within 5 years after the date emeritus status was granted by:

1097 “(1) Paying the fee established by the Mayor;

1098 “(2) Complying with the continuing education requirements in effect when the
1099 emeritus holder seeks to return to active license, registration, or certification status;

1100 “(3) Complying with any other current requirements for the reactivation of a
1101 license, registration, or certification; and

1102 “(4) Establishing to the board’s satisfaction that they possess the current
1103 competency to practice their health profession.

1104 “(f) An emeritus status holder may not return to active license, registration, or
1105 certification more than 5 years after the grant of the emeritus status except by submitting an
1106 application for a new license, registration, or certification and establishing to the satisfaction of
1107 the board that they qualify for the license, registration, or certification and possess current
1108 competency to practice that profession.”.

1109 (mn) Section 512 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.12) is amended as follows:

1110 (1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

1111 (A) The lead-in language to subsection (a) is amended to read as follows

1112 “(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section, if a
1113 health professional fails for any reason to renew the license, registration, or certification issued
1114 under this title prior to the expiration date or during the period of late renewal, the board
1115 regulating the health occupation shall reinstate the license, registration, or certification, if the
1116 health professional:”.

1117 (B) Paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

1118 “(2) Complies with the current requirements for reinstatement of a license,
1119 registration, or certification as specified by this act and rules;”.

1120 (2) Subsection (b) is amended to read as follows:

1121 “(b) The board shall not reinstate the license, registration, or certification of a health
1122 professional who fails to apply for reinstatement of a license, registration, or certification within
1123 5 years after the license, registration, or certification expires. The health professional may
1124 become licensed, registered, or certified by meeting the requirements for a new application as
1125 specified by rule.”.

1126 (3) New subsections (c) and (d) are added to read as follows:

1127 “(c) Any individual who has not been in the active practice of his or her health profession
1128 for more than 2 years preceding the date of the reinstatement application may be required,
1129 pursuant to rule, to submit proof satisfactory to the board of their competency to practice, which
1130 may include training, testing, or practice monitoring as determined by the board.

1131 “(d) A registration or certification of a nursing assistive personnel that has expired and is
1132 not renewed may not be reinstated except as may be provided in rules issued by the Mayor.”.

1133 (oo) Section 513(a)(4) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.13(a)(4)) is amended as follows:

1134 (1) Subparagraph (A) is amended to read as follows:

1135 “(A) Change of email address, address of the place of residence, or
1136 address of the place of business or employment within 30 days after the relevant change;”.

1137 (2) Subparagraph (C) is amended to read as follows:

1138 “(C) Adverse event meeting the requirements of section 9 of the Health-
1139 Care and Community Residence Facility Hospice and Home Care Licensure Act of 1983,

1140 effective February 24, 1984 (D.C. Law 5-48; D.C. Official Code § 44-508), within the time
1141 specified by that section.”.

1142 (pp) Section 514 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14) is amended as follows:

1143 (1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

1144 (A) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “, an applicant
1145 to establish or operate a school of nursing or nursing program,” and inserting a comma in its
1146 place.

1147 (B) Paragraph (3) is amended to read as follows:

1148 “(3) Is disciplined by a licensing, disciplinary, or regulatory authority,
1149 professional interstate compact, or peer review body, has entered into a Corporate Integrity
1150 Agreement or other agreement with the federal government in lieu of legal sanction, or is
1151 convicted or disciplined by a court of any jurisdiction for conduct that would be grounds for
1152 disciplinary action under this section; for the purposes of this paragraph, the term “convicted”
1153 means the entry of a finding of guilt by a judge or jury, or the acceptance or entry of a guilty
1154 plea, a judgment, or any admission of guilt, including a plea of nolo contendere, an Alford plea,
1155 deferred sentence, or deferred judgment;”.

1156 (C) Paragraph (19) is amended to read as follows:

1157 “(19) Prescribes, dispenses, takes, acquires, appropriates for one’s own or
1158 another’s use, or administers drugs when not authorized to do so;”.

1159 (D) Paragraph (20) is amended to read as follows:

1160 “(20) Fails to exercise appropriate supervision over persons who are authorized to
1161 practice only under the supervision of the licensee, registrant, or certificate holder;”.

1162 (E) Paragraph (25) is amended by striking the phrase “, or fails to conduct
1163 business with honesty and fair dealing with employees or students in his or her school of nursing
1164 or nursing program, the District of Columbia, a state, the federal government, or the public;” and
1165 inserting a semicolon in its place.

1166 (F) A new paragraph (26A) is added to read as follows:

1167 “(26A) Performs treatments or services without informed consent by the patient,
1168 client, or his or her legal representative, except as provided under section 1 of An Act to relieve
1169 physicians of liability negligent medical treatment at the scene of an accident in the District of
1170 Columbia, approved November 8, 1965 (79 Stat. 1302; D.C. Official Code § 7-401);”.

1171 (G) Paragraph (27) is amended by striking the phrase “negotiated
1172 settlement” and inserting the phrase “negotiated settlement agreement” in its place.

1173 (H) Paragraph (30) is amended by striking the semicolon and inserting the
1174 phrase “, or without the withdrawing health professional providing a referral or list of alternative
1175 providers;” in its place.

1176 (I) A new paragraph (30A) is added to read as follows:

1177 “(30A) Neglects or verbally or physically abuses a patient or client; for the
1178 purposes of this paragraph, the term “verbal abuse” includes yelling, screaming, shouting,
1179 threats, intimidation, insulting, or name calling by the health professional or by his or her staff;”.

1180 (J) Paragraph (32) is amended by striking the phrase “HIV positive;” and
1181 inserting the phrase “HIV positive or is regarded as HIV positive;” in its place.

1182 (K) Paragraph (51) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and inserting a
1183 semicolon in its place.

1184 (L) Paragraph (52) is amended by striking the period at the end and
1185 inserting a semicolon in its place.

1186 (M) New paragraphs (53), (54), and (55) are added to read as follows:

1187 “(53) Engages in conduct in their practice that is unprofessional or creates a
1188 deleterious impact on the public’s impression of the profession, or that denies a patient or client
1189 an atmosphere of safety and health while undergoing treatment;

1190 “(54) Allows staff or persons under their supervision or employment to engage in
1191 conduct that is unprofessional in their interaction with patients or clients; or

1192 “(55) Fails to maintain the minimum requirements for licensure, registration, or
1193 certification during the period of licensure, registration or certification.”.

1194 (2) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

1195 (A) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the phrase “or an application to
1196 establish a school of nursing or nursing program;” and inserting a semicolon in its place.

1197 (B) Paragraph (4) is amended by striking the semicolon and inserting the
1198 phrase “; provided, that the reprimand may subsequently be removed from the individual’s
1199 record upon approval by the board as authorized by rule;” in its place.

1200 (C) Paragraph (7) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and inserting a
1201 semicolon in its place.

1202 (D) Paragraph (8) is amended by striking the period at the end and
1203 inserting the phrase “; or” in its place.

1204 (E) A new paragraph (9) is added to read as follows:

1205 “(9) Limit or restrict the practice of the person.”.

1206 (qq) New sections 514a and 514b are added to read as follows:

1207 “Sec. 514a. Negotiated settlement agreement.

1208 “(a) A board may, in its discretion, enter into a non-disciplinary settlement agreement
1209 with a person in lieu of disciplinary action; provided, that the conduct underlying the agreement
1210 meets the following requirements:

1211 “(1) The board is satisfied that there is little or no harm or substantive possibility
1212 of future harm to a client, patient, or the public;

1213 “(2) The board determines that the conduct involves issues of minor concern; and

1214 “(3) The matter does not involve gross negligence, intentional misconduct, or
1215 criminal conduct by the party or entity.

1216 “(b) A non-disciplinary settlement agreement shall not constitute a disciplinary action,
1217 but the conduct underlying the agreement may be considered in the board’s review of future
1218 conduct of a similar nature.”.

1219 “Sec. 514b. Disciplinary or adverse action against nursing education or nursing assistive
1220 personnel training programs.

1221 “(a) The Board of Nursing, subject to the right to a hearing provided by section 519, may
1222 deny or withdraw approval of a nursing education program or a nursing assistive personnel
1223 training program, if:

1224 “(1) The program fails to meet the standards established by the Mayor through
1225 rulemaking;

1226 “(2) The program, or an individual responsible for the program, fails to conduct
1227 its business with honesty and fair dealing toward its employees, its students, the government, or
1228 the public;

1229 “(3) The program, or an individual responsible for the program, has engaged or
1230 attempted to engage in falsification of documents or records;

1231 “(4) The program, or an individual responsible for the program, fraudulently or
1232 deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain approval of a program; or

1233 “(5) The program, or an individual responsible for the program, has violated any
1234 applicable District law or regulation.”.

1235 (rr) Section 517(b) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.17(b)) is amended by striking the phrase
1236 “revoking or suspending the license,” and inserting the phrase “revoking, suspending, or
1237 accepting the surrender of the license,” in its place.

1238 (ss) Section 519 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.19) is amended as follows:

1239 (1) A new subsection (a-2) is added to read as follows:

1240 “(a-2) Before the Board of Nursing takes an action pursuant to section 514b, it
1241 shall give the program or operator of the program an opportunity for a hearing before the Board
1242 in accordance with this section.”.

1243 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “or person certified” and
1244 inserting the phrase “person certified, or person or entity operating a nursing education or
1245 nursing assistive personnel training program” in its place.

1246 (tt) Section 522(a) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.22(a)) is amended to read as follows:

1247 “(a) No initial, reactivated, or reinstated license, registration, or certification shall be
1248 issued to a health professional before a criminal background check has been conducted for that
1249 person. The applicant for a license, registration, or certification shall pay the fee established by
1250 the Mayor for the criminal background check. The Mayor may require, by rule, that a criminal
1251 background check be conducted for the renewal of a license, registration, or certification, and a
1252 fee for such criminal background check.”.

1253 (uu) A new section 525 is added to read as follows:

1254 “Sec. 525. Disciplinary records.

1255 “(a) Consent Orders, Final Orders, and Notices of Summary Suspensions issued pursuant
1256 to this act shall be considered public documents and posted on the Department of Health’s
1257 website; provided that these documents may be redacted for purposes of protecting private or

1258 otherwise confidential information and may only be disclosed in unredacted form in accordance
1259 with a District or federal law or regulation.

1260 “(b) Medical records, Orders for Fitness to Practice Evaluations, or other types of
1261 physical and mental evaluations, and the resulting reports, shall not be disclosed and shall be
1262 exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act of 1976, effective March 31, 1977
1263 (D.C. Law 1-96; D.C. Official Code § 2-531 *et seq.*).

1264 “(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Director of the Department of
1265 Health may provide information regarding a past or pending investigation of, or disciplinary
1266 action against, any licensee, registrant, or certificate holder, or applicant for licensure,
1267 registration, or certification by that board to any District licensing authority or a licensing
1268 authority of any jurisdiction, upon request; except, that this authorization shall not apply to
1269 information that is deemed confidential under subsection (b) of this section. Nothing in this act
1270 shall limit the authority of the Director to disclose to any person or entity information concerning
1271 the existence of any investigation for unlicensed practice being conducted against any person
1272 who is neither licensed, registered, or certified, nor an applicant for licensure, registration, or
1273 certification.”.

1274 (vv) Section 601(a) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1206.01(a)) is amended by striking the
1275 phrase “by this title.” and inserting the phrase “by this title and any rules promulgated pursuant
1276 to this title.” in its place.

1277 (wv) Section 603 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1206.03) is repealed.

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1278 (xx) Subsection 604(4) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1206.04(4)) is amended by striking the
1279 word “board” and inserting the word “Mayor” in its place.

1280 (yy) A new section 605a is added to read as follows:

1281 “Sec. 605a. Certified registered nurse anesthetist.

1282 “In addition to the functions authorized in section 604, a certified registered nurse
1283 anesthetist may plan and deliver anesthesia, pain management, and related care to patients or
1284 clients of all health complexities across the lifespan. This practice incorporates the use of
1285 independent judgement as well as collaborative interaction with other health care professionals.”.

1286 (zz) A new section 606a is added to read as follows:

1287 “Sec. 606a. Certified nurse-midwife.

1288 “In addition to the functions authorized section 604, a certified nurse-midwife may
1289 provide primary care, gynecologic and family planning services, preconception care, care during
1290 pregnancy, childbirth, and the post-partum period, care of the healthy newborn during the first 28
1291 days of the newborn’s life, and treatment of partners for sexually transmitted infections.”.

1292 (aaa) New sections 607a and 607b are added to read as follows:

1293 “Sec. 607a. Certified nurse practitioner.

1294 “In addition to the functions authorized under section 604, a certified nurse practitioner
1295 may provide a full range of primary, acute, and specialty healthcare services, including:

1296 “(1) Ordering, performing and interpreting diagnostic tests such as lab work and
1297 x-rays;

1298 “(2) Diagnosing and treating acute and chronic conditions such as diabetes, high
1299 blood pressure, infections, and injuries;

1300 “(3) Prescribing medications and other treatments;

1301 “(4) Managing patients’ or clients’ overall care;

1302 “(5) Counseling;

1303 “(6) Educating patients on disease prevention and positive health and lifestyle
1304 choices; and

1305 “(7) Any other functions and roles as may be prescribed by rules.

1306 “Sec. 607b. Certified clinical nurse specialist.

1307 “(a) In addition to the functions authorized under section 604, a certified clinical nurse
1308 specialist may provide the services described in subsection (b) of this section related to specific
1309 specialties, including:

1310 “(1) Populations, such as pediatrics, geriatrics, or women’s health;

1311 “(2) Settings, such as critical care or the emergency room;

1312 “(3) Diseases or medical subspecialties, such as diabetes or oncology;

1313 “(4) Types of care, such as psychiatric or rehabilitation; and

1314 “(5) Types of problem, such as pain, wounds, and stress.

1315 “(b) A clinical nurse specialist may provide diagnosis, treatment, and ongoing
1316 management of patients or clients, through:

1317 “(1) Providing for the continuous improvement of patient or client outcomes and
1318 nursing care;

1319 “(2) Practicing within the core competencies and behaviors specified by the
1320 National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists or other national certifying body recognized
1321 by the Board;

1322 “(3) Creating therapeutic environments through mentoring and system changes;

1323 “(4) Practicing with individual clients, families, groups, and populations of
1324 clients; and

1325 “(5) Any other functions and roles prescribed by rules.”.

1326 (bbb) A new section 608a is added to read as follows:

1327 “Sec. 608a. Qualifications, certification.

1328 “(a) In addition to the general qualifications for licensure set forth in Title V, and any
1329 requirements the Mayor may establish by rule, a certified registered nurse anesthetist shall:

1330 “(1) Be a registered nurse holding a current, valid license pursuant to this act and
1331 be in good standing with no action pending or in effect against his or her license;

1332 “(2) Possess at least a master’s degree from a program accredited by the Council
1333 on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs; and

1334 “(3) Successfully complete the National Certification Examination administered
1335 by the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse-Anesthetists (“NBCRNA”)
1336 and hold current NBCRNA certification.

1337 “(b) In addition to the general qualifications for licensure set forth in Title V, and any
1338 requirements the Mayor may establish by rule, a certified nurse-midwife shall:

1339 “(1) Be a registered nurse holding a current, valid license pursuant to this act and
1340 be in good standing with no action pending or in effect against his or her license;

1341 “(2) Possess at least a master’s degree from a program accredited by the
1342 Accreditation Commission for Midwifery Education; and

1343 “(3) Successfully complete the certification examination administered by the
1344 American Midwifery Certification Board (“AMBC”) and hold current AMBC certification as a
1345 Certified Nurse-Midwife.

1346 “(c) In addition to the general qualifications for licensure set forth in Title V, and any
1347 requirements the Mayor may establish by rule, a certified nurse practitioner shall:

1348 “(1) Be a registered nurse holding a current, valid license pursuant to this act and
1349 be in good standing with no action pending or in effect against his or her license;

1350 “(2) Possess at least a Master of Science in Nursing from a program accredited by
1351 a national nursing organization recognized by the Board of Nursing; and

1352 “(3) Successfully complete a national certification examination administered by a
1353 national nurse practitioner certifying organization recognized by the Board of Nursing and hold a
1354 current certification in the relevant population focus.

1355 “(d) In addition to the general qualifications for licensure set forth in Title V, and any
1356 requirements the Mayor may establish by rule, a clinical nurse specialist shall:

1357 “(1) Be a registered nurse holding a current, valid license pursuant to this act and
1358 be in good standing with no action pending or in effect against his or her license;

1359 “(2) Possess at least a Master of Science in Nursing from a program accredited by
1360 a national nursing organization recognized by the Board of Nursing; and

1361 “(3) Successfully complete a national certification examination administered by a
1362 national nurse practitioner certifying organization recognized by the Board of Nursing and hold
1363 current certification in the relevant population focus.”.

1364 (ccc) Section 621 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1206.21) is amended as follows:

1365 (1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

1366 (A) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “physiological
1367 function tests.” and inserting the phrase “physiological function tests; and” in its place.

1368 (B) A new paragraph (3) is added to read as follows:

1369 “(3) Prescribe from a formulary listing of natural remedies to be used in the
1370 practice of naturopathic medicine that has been approved by the Board of Integrative Healthcare
1371 and the Board of Medicine.”.

1372 (2) Subsection (b)(4) is amended as follows:

1373 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “Advisory
1374 Committee on Naturopathic Medicine, Board of Medicine,” and inserting the phrase “Board of
1375 Integrative Healthcare,” in its place.

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1376 (B) Subparagraph (B) is amended by striking the phrase “Advisory
1377 Committee on Naturopathic Medicine;” and inserting the phrase “Board of Integrative
1378 Healthcare;” in its place.

1379 (ddd) Section 701 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1207.01) is amended as follows:

1380 (1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

1381 (A) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “a dietitian
1382 shall:” and inserting the phrase “a person may qualify for a dietitian license under this section
1383 by:” in its place.

1384 (B) Paragraphs (1) and (2) are amended to read as follows:

1385 “(1) Being credentialed in good standing by the Commission on Dietetic
1386 Registration as a registered dietitian before the effective date of the Health Occupations Revision
1387 General Amendment Act of 2024, as approved by the Committee on Health on March 21, 2024
1388 (Committee Print of Bill 25-545); or

1389 “(2) Meeting the following requirements:

1390 “(A) Holding a master’s or higher degree from a school, college, or
1391 university that was approved by the accrediting body recognized by the Council on
1392 Postsecondary Accreditation or the United States Department of Education at the time the degree
1393 was conferred with completion of a program of study accredited by the Accreditation Council for
1394 Education in Nutrition and Dietetics;

1395 “(B) Successfully completing the dietitian certification examination of the
1396 Commission on Dietetic Registration of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and be
1397 credentialed in good standing by the Commission on Dietetic Registration as a registered
1398 dietitian; and

1399 “(C) Successfully completing a supervised practice experience in dietetics
1400 and nutrition accredited by the Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics.”.-

1401 (2) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

1402 (A) The lead-in language is amended to read as follows:

1403 “(c) A person may qualify for a nutritionist license if, in addition to the general
1404 qualifications for licensure set forth in Title V, and any requirements the Mayor may establish by
1405 rule, the person:”.

1406 (B) Paragraph (1) is amended by striking the word “Hold” and inserting
1407 the word “Holds” in its place.

1408 (C) Paragraph (2) is amended to read as follows:

1409 “(2) Has successfully completed the Certification Examination for Nutrition
1410 Specialists offered by the Board for Certification of Nutrition Specialists or another examination
1411 designated by the Mayor through rules.”.

1412 (eee) Section 710 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1207.10) is amended to read as follows:

1413 “Sec. 710. Qualifications for licensure.

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1414 “(a) The Board of Professional Counseling shall license as a professional counselor a
1415 person who, in addition to meeting the requirements of Title V and any requirements the Mayor
1416 may establish by rule, has satisfactorily passed the national examination adopted by the Board,
1417 possesses a master’s degree in counseling or a related subject from an accredited college or
1418 university consisting of at least 60 hours of postgraduate education, and has completed 2 years of
1419 supervised counseling experience.

1420 “(b) The Board of Professional Counseling shall license as a graduate professional
1421 counselor a person who, in addition to meeting the requirements of Title V and any requirements
1422 the Mayor may establish by rule, has satisfactorily completed the national examination adopted
1423 by the Board and possesses a master’s degree in counseling or a related subject from an
1424 accredited college or university, consisting of at least 48 hours of graduate education.

1425 “(c) The Board of Professional Counseling may license, by endorsement, a professional
1426 counselor who, in addition to meeting the requirements of Title V and any requirements the
1427 Mayor may establish by rule, is currently licensed in another state in good standing and has:

1428 “(1) Engaged in independent professional counseling practice providing clinical
1429 counseling for at least 5 years pursuant to such license; or

1430 “(2) Held an independent professional counseling license for at least 3 years and
1431 possesses the National Certified Counseling credential issued by the National Board of Certified
1432 Counselors.”.

1433 (ff) Section 755 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1207.55) is amended as follows:

1434 (1) A new subsection (a-1) is added to read as follows:

1435 “(a-1) A registered pharmacy technician may administer immunizations and vaccinations
1436 in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s published guidelines and
1437 recommended immunization schedules for adults aged 18 and older with valid identification,
1438 adolescents and children aged 3 through 17 with written informed parental consent or without
1439 consent if authorized by District law, and the administration of immunizations and vaccinations
1440 to any individual pursuant to a valid prescription under the direct supervision of a pharmacist
1441 licensed under this act; provided, that the registered pharmacy technician complies with all
1442 requirements under the rules issued by the Mayor.”.

1443 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking paragraph (7).

1444 (ggg) Title VII-F is repealed.

1445 (hhh) A new Title VII-G is added to read as follows:

1446 “TITLE VII-G

1447 “QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE AS A BEHAVIOR

1448 ANALYST.

1449 “Sec. 771. Eligibility requirements and education.

1450 “The Board of Psychology shall license as a behavior analyst a person who, in addition to
1451 meeting the requirements of Title V and any requirements the Mayor may establish by rule, has:

1452 “(1) Successfully completed a criminal background check;

1453 “(2) Obtained a current certification issued by the Behavior Analyst Certification
1454 Board; and

1455 “(3) Received a master’s degree or higher from a behavior analysis educational
1456 program that is accredited by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board; provided, that the Board
1457 shall waive this educational requirement if the applicant was certified by the Behavior Analyst
1458 Certification Board on or before the effective date of this title.

1459 (iii) A new section 804a is added to read as follows:

1460 “Sec. 804a. Exceptions for non-clinical practice.

1461 “(a) Nothing in this act shall be construed as preventing or restricting an individual who
1462 has successfully completed a bachelor’s degree in social work, a master’s degree in social work,
1463 or a doctorate degree in social work through a program accredited by the Council on Social
1464 Work Education from engaging in non-clinical practice; provided, that no such persons shall
1465 represent by title or description of services that they are social workers.

1466 “(b) For the purposes of this section, “non-clinical practice” means competencies and
1467 activities commonly included in a social work education program that do not involve clinical
1468 assessment, diagnosis, or treatment of mental health conditions, including:

1469 “(1) Non-clinical case management, including coordinating social services,
1470 conducting non-clinical assessments of service needs, and facilitating client access to resources;

1471 “(2) Community organization, including public education campaigns, information
1472 dissemination, and connecting individuals with social services;

1473 “(3) Advocacy, including advocating for clients and communities, advocating for
1474 policy changes, and representing clients' policy interests; and

1475 “(4) Administrative tasks, including handling client documentation, record-
1476 keeping, and program coordination.”.

1477 (jjj) Section 831 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1208.31) is amended as follows:

1478 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “Marriage and Family
1479 Therapy” and inserting the phrase “Board of Professional Counseling” in its place.

1480 (2) Subsection (b)(1) is amended to read as follows:

1481 “(1) A graduate degree in marriage and family therapy from a program accredited
1482 by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, or a graduate
1483 degree from a regionally accredited educational institution and an equivalent course of study
1484 consisting of at least 60 semester hours or 90 quarter credits as approved by the Board; and”.

1485 (kkk) Section 841 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1208.41) is amended as follows:

1486 (1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

1487 (A) The lead-in language is amended by striking the phrase “Audiology
1488 and Speech-Language Pathology” and inserting the phrase “Rehabilitative Therapies” in its
1489 place.

1490 (B) Paragraph (3) is amended by striking the phrase “supervised
1491 postgraduate professional practice” and inserting the phrase “supervised practice” in its place.

1492 (2) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “Audiology and Speech-
1493 Language Pathology” and inserting the phrase “Rehabilitative Therapies” in its place.

1494 (3) Subsection (c) is amended to read as follows:

1495 “(c) For purposes of this section, references to the Board on Rehabilitative Therapies
1496 prior to its commencement of operations pursuant to section 223(e) shall refer to the Board of
1497 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.”.

1498 (lll) Section 853 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1208.53) is repealed.

1499 (mmm) Section 854 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1208.54) is repealed.

1500 (nnn) Section 871 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1208.71) is amended as follows:

1501 (1) Subsection (a)(1) is amended as follows:

1502 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the word “or” and inserting
1503 a period in its place.

1504 (B) Subparagraph (B) is repealed.

1505 (C) Paragraph (2) is amended by striking the phrase “direct supervision”
1506 and inserting the phrase “immediate supervision” in its place.

1507 (2) Subsection (b)(1) is amended as follows:

1508 (A) Subparagraph (A) is amended by striking the phrase “; or” and
1509 inserting a period in its place.

1510 (B) Subparagraph (B) is repealed.

1511 (ooo) Section 872 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1208.72) is amended by striking the period at
1512 the end and inserting the phrase “, unless further time is granted by the Mayor through
1513 rulemaking.” in its place.

1514 (ppp) New Titles VIII-F and VIII-G are added to read as follows:

1515 “TITLE VIII-F.
1516 “CATEGORIES AND QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED FOR THE PRACTICE OF
1517 “PSYCHOLOGY.

1518 “Sec. 881. License and registration requirements.
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1520 “(a) No person may practice psychology in the District without one of the following
1521 authorizations:

1522 “(1) A health services psychology license, which is required for the practice of
1523 psychology as defined in section 102(16)(A);

1524 “(2) A general applied psychology license, which is required for the practice of
1525 psychology within the scope of section 102(16)(A)(ii);

1526 “(3) A school psychology registration, which is required for the practice of
1527 psychology within the scope of section 102(16)(A)(iii); and

1528 “(4) A psychology associate registration, which is required for the practice of
1529 psychology within the scope of section 102(16)(A)(iv).

1530 “(b) All active psychology licenses issued before the effective date of the Health
1531 Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2024, as approved by the Committee on

1532 Health on March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill 25-545) (“2024 Act”), shall, upon renewal,
1533 be issued as health services psychology licenses.

1534 “(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, for 2 years after the effective date of
1535 the 2024 Act, or such longer period of time which may be established by the Mayor through
1536 rulemaking, a person who has been practicing general applied psychology or school psychology
1537 before the effective date of the 2024 Act may continue to practice without the licensure or
1538 registration required pursuant to section 501(a)(1) or (2); provided, that such person applies for
1539 the relevant license or registration within 2 years after the effective date of the 2024 Act.

1540 “Sec. 882. Qualifications.

1541 “(a) In addition to the general qualifications for licensure set forth in Title V, and any
1542 requirements the Mayor may establish by rule, an individual applying for a license to practice
1543 health services psychology or general applied psychology shall establish to the satisfaction of the
1544 Board of Psychology that the individual has:

1545 “(1) Earned a doctoral degree in psychology from an accredited college or
1546 university; and

1547 “(2) Completed at least 2 years of experience in such areas of practice as shall be
1548 required by the Mayor through rulemaking, at least one year of which shall be postdoctoral
1549 experience.

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1572 “Sec. 891. Qualifications for licensure.

1573 “(a) The categories of licensure for the practice of medical radiation technology shall be
1574 as follows:

1575 “(1) Cardiovascular-interventional technologist;

1576 “(2) Computed tomography technologist or radiographer;

1577 “(3) Magnetic resonance technologist;

1578 “(4) Mammographer;

1579 “(5) Nuclear medicine technologist;

1580 “(6) Radiation therapist;

1581 “(7) Radiologist assistant;

1582 “(8) Radiographer; and

1583 “(9) Ultrasound technologist.

1584 “(b) The Board of Medicine shall issue a license to practice medical radiation technology,
1585 in a category established by this section to an individual who, in addition to meeting the
1586 requirements of Title V, has:

1587 “(1) Graduated from an accredited program in diagnostic medical sonography,
1588 radiologic technology, magnetic resonance imaging, nuclear medicine or radiologist assistant
1589 that incorporates the academic coursework and minimum of hours of supervised clinical training
1590 required by regulations issued by the Mayor and that is accredited by the Commission on

1591 Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, Joint Review Committee on Education in
1592 Radiologic Technology, Joint Review Committee on Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Joint
1593 Review Committee on Nuclear Medicine Technology or a successor organization, as recognized
1594 by the U.S. Department of Education;

1595 “(2) Passed a national certification examination from a body recognized by the
1596 Board; and

1597 “(3) Satisfied all other requirements established by the Mayor through
1598 rulemaking.

1599 “Sec. 892. Limitations on practice.

1600 “(a) A person licensed under this title may only practice under the supervision of a
1601 licensed physician or a licensed advanced practice registered nurse.

1602 “(b) The practices of a cardiovascular-interventional technologist, computed tomography
1603 technologist, magnetic resonance technologist, mammographer, nuclear medicine technologist,
1604 radiation therapist, radiographer, radiologist assistant, or ultrasound technologist shall be limited
1605 to those procedures, operations, preparations, and practices determined by regulation.

1606 “Sec. 893. Transition of licensed and registered medical radiation practitioners.

1607 “For a period of one year after the effective date of implementing regulations issued
1608 pursuant to this title, unless further time is granted by the Mayor through rulemaking, a person
1609 who has received appropriate training for the tasks assigned may, regardless of licensure status,
1610 practice as a medical radiation practitioner, cardiovascular-interventional technologist, computed

1611 tomography technologist, magnetic resonance technologist, mammographer, nuclear medicine
1612 technologist, radiographer, radiologist assistant, or ultrasound technologist. After a period of one
1613 year or additional time authorized by the Mayor, a license shall be required for any person to
1614 work or identify themselves as a medical radiation practitioner, cardiovascular-interventional
1615 technologist, computed tomography technologist, magnetic resonance technologist,
1616 mammography technologist, nuclear medicine technologist, radiographer, radiologist assistant,
1617 or ultrasound technologist.”.

1618 (qqq) Section 902 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.02) is amended as follows:

1619 (1) The section heading is amended by striking the phrase “and recreation
1620 therapy.” and inserting the phrase “therapy.” in its place.

1621 (2) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase “dance therapy or recreation
1622 therapy” and inserting the phrase “dance therapy.” in its place.

1623 (3) Subsection (b) is amended by striking the phrase “dance therapy or recreation
1624 therapy” and inserting the phrase “dance therapy.” in its place.

1625 (4) Subsection (c) is amended as follows:

1626 (A) Strike the phrase “dance therapist or recreation therapist” and insert
1627 the phrase “dance therapist” in its place.

1628 (B) Strike the phrase “dance therapists or recreation therapists.” and insert
1629 the phrase “dance therapists.” in its place.

1630 (rrr) Section 903 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.03) is repealed.

1631 (sss) Section 905 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.05) is amended as follows:

1632 (1) Subsection (a) is amended as follows:

1633 (A) Paragraph (1) is amended as follows.

1634 (i) Strike the phrase “assist a licensed dentist” and insert the phrase
1635 “assist a licensed dentist or a licensed dental hygienist” in its place.

1636 (ii) Strike the phrase “direct supervision” and insert the word
1637 “supervision” in its place.

1638 (B) Paragraph (2) is repealed.

1639 (2) Subsection (b) is amended to read as follows:

1640 “(b) A person who is engaged as a dental assistant to assist a dentist in the performance
1641 of dental procedures, or to assist a dental hygienist in the performance of dental hygiene
1642 procedures, in any area of or specialty area of dentistry, including oral and maxillofacial surgery,
1643 or who performs the duties of a dental assistant in any area of or specialty area of dentistry,
1644 including oral and maxillofacial surgery, in the District shall be registered with the Board, renew
1645 the registration as required by rule, and pay the required registration fee established by the
1646 Board.”.

1647 (3) Subsection (d) is amended as follows.

1648 (A) Strike the phrase “A person shall not engage in the practice, or use the
1649 title, of dental assistant” and insert after the phrase “A person shall not engage in the practice of
1650 dental assisting or use the title of dental assistant” in its place.

1651 (B) Strike the phrase “direct supervision” and insert the word
1652 “supervision” in its place.

1653 (4) Subsection (e) is repealed.

1654 (5) Subsection (g) is amended by striking the phrase “and the duties that may be
1655 performed by a dental assistant.” And inserting the phrase “, the duties that may be performed by
1656 a dental assistant, and the required level of supervision.” in its place.

1657 (6) A new subsection (h) is added to read as follows:

1658 “(h) The Mayor shall create a Level III dental assistant designation to authorize dental
1659 assistants with appropriate training and experience, as determined by the Board, to conduct the
1660 application pit and fissure sealants, coronal polishing to remove stain and biofilm, and glucose
1661 testing, as well as all functions authorized by this section and any other services authorized by
1662 rule.”.

1663 (ttt) Section 906 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.06) is repealed.

1664 (uuu) Section 907 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.07) is amended to read as follows:

1665 “Sec. 907. Nursing assistive personnel; registration or certification required.

1666 “(a) A registration or certification is required for a person seeking to practice as nursing
1667 assistive personnel in the District in accordance with the rules issued by the Mayor.

1668 “(b) The Mayor shall, pursuant to the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act,
1669 approved October 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1204; D.C. Official Code § 2-501 *et seq.*), issue rules

1670 setting forth the standards of education and experience required to qualify as nursing assistive
1671 personnel.

1672 “(c) The Mayor shall allow for a registration or certification of an applicant who is at
1673 least 16 years of age; provided, that the applicant shall have obtained or be enrolled and actively
1674 pursuing a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma as that term is defined in
1675 section 561(6) of the District of Columbia Public Assistance Act of 1982, effective October 27,
1676 1995 (D.C. Law 11-72; D.C. Official Code § 4-205.61(6)).”.

1677 (vvv) Section 908 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.08) is repealed.

1678 (www) Section 909 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.09) is amended as follows:

1679 (1) Subsection (a)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “Audiology and Speech-
1680 Language Pathology” and inserting the phrase “Rehabilitative Therapies” in its place.

1681 (2) A new subsection (i) is added to read as follows:

1682 “(i) For purposes of this section, references to the Board on Rehabilitative Therapies prior
1683 to its commencement of operations pursuant to section 223(e) shall refer to the Board of
1684 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.”.

1685 (xxx) Section 910 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.10) is amended as follows:

1686 (1) Subsection (a)(2) is amended by striking the phrase “Audiology and Speech-
1687 Language Pathology” and inserting the phrase “Rehabilitative Therapies” in its place.

1688 (2) A new subsection (i) is added to read as follows:

1689 “(i) For purposes of this section, references to the Board on Rehabilitative Therapies prior
1690 to its commencement of operations pursuant to section 223(e) shall refer to the Board of
1691 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.”.

1692 (yyy) Section 911 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.11) is amended as follows:

1693 (1) Subsection (a)(1) is amended by striking the phrase “Audiology and Speech-
1694 Language Pathology” and inserting the phrase “Rehabilitative Therapies” in its place.

1695 (2) A new subsection (h) is added to read as follows:

1696 “(h) For purposes of this section, references to the Board on Rehabilitative Therapies
1697 prior to its commencement of operations pursuant to section 223(e) shall refer to the Board of
1698 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.”.

1699 (zzz) Section 912 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1209.12) is repealed.

1700 (aaaa) A new section 913 is added to read as follows:

1701 “Sec. 913. Doula.

1702 “(a) A certified doula may:

1703 “(1) Provide support to pregnant individuals and their families, including
1704 surrogates and adoptive parents;

1705 “(2) Conduct prenatal and postpartum visits;

1706 “(3) Accompany pregnant individuals to health care and social service
1707 appointments;

1708 “(4) Connect individuals to medical, community-based, or government-funded
1709 resources, including those addressing social determinants of health; and

1710 “(5) Provide support to individuals following either the loss of pregnancy or birth
1711 of a child for up to one year.

1712 “(b) A doula shall not:

1713 “(1) Perform clinical tasks or replace trained licensed medical professionals; or

1714 “(2) Engage in the practice of medicine as defined in section 102(7).”.

1715 (bbbb) Section 1003 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1210.03) is amended as follows:

1716 (1) Subsection (a) is amended by striking the phrase ““acupuncturist,”” and
1717 inserting the phrase ““acupuncturist”, “L.Ac.,”” in its place.

1718 (2) Subsection (m-1) is amended by striking the word “therapy” wherever it
1719 appears and inserting the word “therapist” in its place.

1720 (3) Subsection (q) is amended to read as follows:

1721 “(q) Unless authorized to practice psychology under this act, a person shall not
1722 use the words or terms “psychology,” “psychologist,” “health services psychologist,” “general
1723 applied psychologist,” “school psychologist,” “psychology associate,” or similar title or
1724 description of services with the intent to represent that the person practices psychology.”.

1725 (4) Subsection (v) is amended to read as follow:

1726 “(v) Unless authorized to practice massage therapy under this act, a person shall
1727 not use or imply the use of the words or terms “massage therapy,” “therapeutic massage,”

1728 “myotherapy,” “bodyrub,” “licensed massage therapist,” or “licensed massage practitioner,” or
1729 similar title or description of services, or the initials “LMT” or “LMP,” with the intent to
1730 represent that the person practices massage therapy.”.

1731 (5) Subsection (hh) is repealed.

1732 (6) Subsection (jj) is repealed.

1733 (7) New subsections (ll), (mm), (nn), and (oo) are added to read as follows:

1734 “(ll) Unless authorized to practice certified professional midwifery under this act,
1735 a person shall not use or imply the use of the words or terms “certified professional midwife,”
1736 “licensed midwife,” or any similar title or description of services with the intent to represent that
1737 the person practices midwifery as a certified professional midwife.

1738 “(mm) Unless authorized to practice recreational therapy under this act, a person
1739 shall not use the words or terms “recreational therapy,” “recreational therapist,” “licensed
1740 recreational therapist,” “RT,” “L.R.T.,” “CTRS/L,” “certified therapeutic recreation specialist
1741 licensed,” “registered recreational therapist licensed (RRT/L),” or any similar title or description
1742 of services with the intent to represent that the person practices recreational therapy.

1743 “(nn) Unless authorized to practice as a doula under this act, a person shall not use
1744 the word or term “doula” or any similar title or description of services with the intent to represent
1745 that the person practices as a doula or provides any type of doula services.

1746 “(oo) Unless authorized to practice medical radiation technology under this act, a
1747 person shall not use or imply the use of the words or terms “cardiovascular-interventional

1748 technologist,” “computed tomography technologist,” “radiographer,” “magnetic resonance
1749 technologist,” “MRI technologist,” “mammography technologist,” “mammographer,” “medical
1750 radiation technologist,” “nuclear medicine technologist,” “radiologist assistant,” “sonographer,”
1751 “ultrasound technologist,” or any similar title or description of service with the intent to
1752 represent that the person practices as a medical radiation technology practitioner.”.

1753 (cccc) Section 1204 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1212.04) is amended by striking the word
1754 “therapy” both times it appears and inserting the word “therapist” in its place.

1755 (dddd) Section 1205 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1212.05) is amended by striking the phrase
1756 “personal fitness trainer, veterinary technician” and inserting the phrase “veterinary technician”
1757 in its place.

1758 **TITLE II- TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**

1759 Sec. 201. Section 2(f) of the Confirmation Act of 1978, effective March 3, 1979 (D.C.
1760 Law 2-142; D.C. Code § 1-523.01(f)), is amended as follows:

1761 (a) Paragraphs (7) and (43) are repealed.

1762 (b) Paragraph (70) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a semicolon in
1763 its place.

1764 (c) New paragraphs (72) and (73) are added to read as follows:

1765 “(72) Board of Rehabilitative Therapies established by section 223 of the District
1766 of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, approved by the Committee on Health
1767 on March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill 25-545); and

1768 “(73) Board of Integrative Healthcare established by section 224 of the District of
1769 Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, approved by the Committee on Health on
1770 March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill 25-545).”.

1771 Sec. 202. The Department of Health Functions Clarification Act of 2001, effective
1772 October 3, 2001 (D.C. Law 14-28; D.C. Official Code § 7-731 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

1773 (a) Section 4941 (D.C. Official Code § 7-743.02) is repealed.

1774 (b) Section 4944 (D.C. Official Code § 7-743.04) is repealed.

1775 (c) Section 4945 (D.C. Official Code § 7-743.05) is repealed.

1776 (d) A new section 4949a is added to read as follows:

1777 “Sec. 4949a. Advisory Committee on Medical Radiation Technologists.

1778 “(a) There is established an Advisory Committee on Medical Radiation Technologists
1779 (“Committee”), which shall consist of the following 5 members:

1780 “(1) A physician licensed in the District whose practice consists mostly of the
1781 type of medicine that requires significant interaction with medical radiation technologists;

1782 “(2) Three individuals who work as medical radiation technologists; and

1783 “(3) A consumer member with no direct affiliation with medical radiation
1784 technology or a member of another health profession.

1785 “(b) To remain qualified to serve as a member of the Committee, the medical radiation
1786 technologist members who serve as initial appointees shall become licensed or registered in their

1787 profession within 180 days of the Department of Health’s implementation of the licensure or
1788 registration requirements.

1789 “(c) The Committee shall develop and submit to the Board of Medicine guidelines and
1790 proposed regulations for the licensure and regulation of cardiovascular-interventional
1791 technologists, computed tomography technologists, magnetic resonance technologists,
1792 mammographers, nuclear medicine technologists, radiation therapists, radiographers, ultrasound
1793 technologists, and radiologist assistants.”.

1794 (e) Section 4952(d)(1) D.C. Official Code § 7-744.02(d)(1)), is amended by striking the
1795 phrase “certificate, which shall be notarized and provided to” and inserting the phrase certificate
1796 to” in its place.

1797 Sec. 203. Section 2(7) of The Health-care Facility Unlicensed Personnel Criminal
1798 Background Check Act of 1998, effective April 20, 1999 (D.C. Law 12-238; D.C. Official Code
1799 § 44-551(7)), is amended to read as follows:

1800 “(7) “Unlicensed person” means a person not required to be licensed pursuant to
1801 the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law
1802 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq.*), who functions in a complementary or assistance
1803 role to licensed health care professionals in providing direct patient care or in performing
1804 common nursing tasks. The term “unlicensed person” includes housekeeping, maintenance, and
1805 administrative staff for whom it is foreseeable that the prospective employee or contract worker
1806 will come in direct contact with patients.”.

1807 Sec. 204. Section 702(c)(3) of the Assisted Living Residence Regulatory Act of 2000,
1808 effective June 24, 200 (D.C. Law 13-127; D.C. Official Code § 44-107.02), is amended to read
1809 as follows:

1810 “(3) Four hours covering cognitive impairments in an in-service training in accordance
1811 with the dementia training for direct care workers requirements established by section 4952 of
1812 the Department of Health Functions Clarification Act of 2001, effective March 16, 2021 (D.C.
1813 Law 23-201; D.C. Official Code § 7-744.02); and”.

1814 Sec. 205. Section 47-2853.76e(b) of the District of Columbia Official Code is amended to
1815 read as follows:

1816 “(b) No body artist shall perform body art procedures on a person under 18 years of age;
1817 except, that, if a parent or legal guardian has provided their written consent:

1818 “(1) Ear piercing with a sterilized hollow needle or a mechanized, pre-sterilized
1819 single-use stud and clasp ear piercing gun is permitted for persons under 18 years of age; and

1820 “(2) Tattooing services are permitted for persons 16 years of age and older.”.

1821 Sec. 206. Section 204(a) of the Freedom of Information Act of 1976, effective March 29,
1822 1977 (D.C. 1-96; D.C. Official Code § 2-534(a)), is amended as follows:

1823 (a) Paragraph (19) is amended by striking the phrase “; and” and inserting a semicolon in
1824 its place.

1825 (b) Paragraph (20) is amended by striking the period and inserting the phrase “; and” in
1826 its place.

1827 (c) A new paragraph (21) is added to read as follows:

1828 “(21) Information exempt from disclosure under section 525 of the District of
1829 Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, as approved by the Committee on Health
1830 on March 21, 2024 (Committee Print of Bill 25-545).

1831 **TITLE III. FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT; EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1832 Sec. 301. Fiscal impact statement.

1833 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal
1834 impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975,
1835 approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

1836 Sec. 302. Effective date.

1837 This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the
1838 Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto) and a 30-day period of congressional review
1839 as provided in section 602(C)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved
1840 December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D. C. Official Code § 1-2067.02(C)(1)).