

House Study Bill 711 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON BLOOMINGDALE)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to licensure as a respiratory care
2 practitioner.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 152B.14, Code 2026, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 **152B.14 Licensure through examination.**

4 1. The Prior to January 1, 2027, the board shall issue a
5 license to practice respiratory care to an applicant who has
6 passed an examination administered by the state or a national
7 agency approved by the board.

8 2. Beginning January 1, 2027, the board shall issue a
9 license to practice respiratory care to an applicant who has
10 passed an examination administered by the state or a national
11 agency approved by the board, and who meets the requirements
12 of section 152B.15.

13 **Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 152B.15 Registered respiratory care**
14 **therapist credential required — exceptions.**

15 1. Beginning January 1, 2027, an applicant for licensure
16 as a respiratory care practitioner must submit to the board
17 evidence of achievement of the registered respiratory therapist
18 credential awarded by the national board for respiratory
19 care, or its successor organization, in addition to any other
20 requirements adopted by the board by rule.

21 2. Beginning January 1, 2027, an applicant for licensure
22 as a respiratory care practitioner who is currently licensed
23 as a respiratory care practitioner in another state must
24 submit to the board evidence of achievement of the registered
25 respiratory therapist credential awarded by the national board
26 for respiratory care, or its successor organization, or the
27 completion of an examination approved by the board by rule,
28 in addition to any other requirements adopted by the board by
29 rule.

30 3. A respiratory care practitioner licensed in this state
31 prior to January 1, 2027, is not required to hold a registered
32 respiratory therapist credential awarded by the national board
33 for respiratory care, or its successor organization, to renew a
34 license, unless the license lapsed more than three months prior
35 to renewal.

1 4. The board shall cooperate with educational institutions
2 and professional organizations to develop pathways for persons
3 who currently hold a certified respiratory therapist credential
4 awarded by the national board for respiratory care to obtain
5 a registered respiratory therapist credential awarded by the
6 national board for respiratory care, and to create continuing
7 education opportunities to support the professional development
8 of respiratory care practitioners.

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EXPLANATION

10 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
11 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

12 This bill relates to the licensure of respiratory care
13 therapists. Beginning January 1, 2027, the bill requires an
14 applicant for licensure as a respiratory care practitioner to
15 obtain the registered respiratory therapist credential awarded
16 by the national board for respiratory care, or its successor
17 organization, in addition to other requirements imposed by the
18 board of respiratory care and polysomnography (board) by rule.
19 The bill requires an applicant for licensure that is currently
20 licensed as a respiratory care therapist in another state to
21 either obtain a registered respiratory therapist credential or
22 complete an examination approved by the board by rule. The
23 bill exempts a person licensed as a respiratory care therapist
24 prior to January 1, 2027, from the requirement to obtain a
25 registered respiratory therapist credential, unless the license
26 lapsed more than three months prior to renewal.

27 The bill requires the board to cooperate with educational
28 institutions and business organizations to develop pathways for
29 persons who currently hold a certified respiratory therapist
30 credential to obtain a registered respiratory therapist
31 credential and to create continuing education opportunities
32 to support the professional development of respiratory care
33 practitioners.