

AN ACT

relating to the renewal requirements for a respiratory care practitioner certificate.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The heading for Section 604.151, Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 604.151. [~~ANNUAL OR BIENNIAL~~] CERTIFICATE RENEWAL.

SECTION 2. Section 604.151(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A [~~Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, a~~] certificate to practice respiratory care must be renewed [~~annually~~ ~~or~~] biennially [~~as determined by the board~~].

SECTION 3. Section 604.154(a), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The board shall establish for the renewal of a certificate uniform continuing education requirements of not less than 12 [~~six~~] or more than 24 [~~12~~] continuing education hours for each renewal period.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 102 was passed by the House on March 23, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 102 on May 16, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 102 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 5, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor