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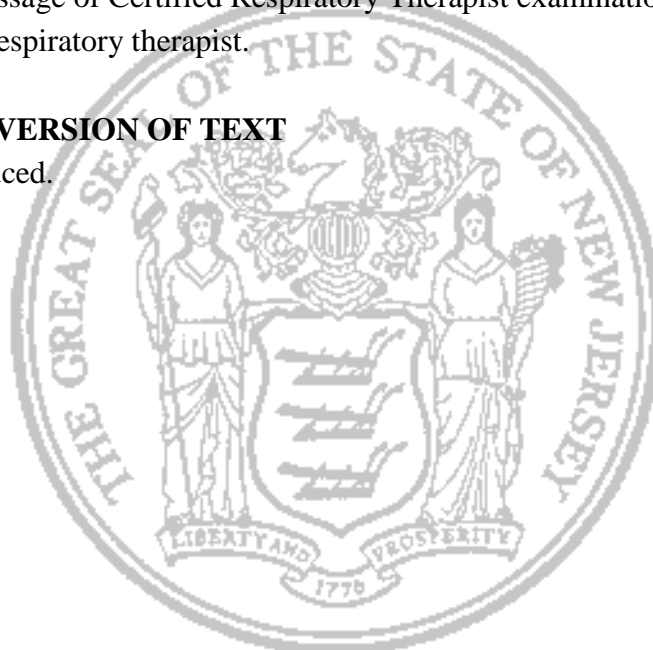
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SYNOPSIS

Allows passage of Certified Respiratory Therapist examination to qualify for licensure as respiratory therapist.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the examination required for licensure in
2 respiratory therapy and amending P.L.1991, c.31.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Section 15 of P.L.1991, c.31 (C.45:14E-15) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 15. The board shall issue a license to perform respiratory care to
10 an applicant, who **[**, at the time of the effective date of this act,**]** has
11 passed the Registered Respiratory Therapist or the Certified
12 Respiratory Therapist examination offered by the National Board
13 for Respiratory Care, or by a successor organization.
14 (cf: P.L.2017, c.119, s.3)

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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21 This bill adds language to current law governing the licensure of
22 respiratory therapists that allows the passage of the Certified
23 Respiratory Therapist examination, offered by the National Board
24 for Respiratory Care (“NBRC”) or any successor organization, to
25 qualify an individual for licensure by the State Board of Respiratory
26 Care. Presently, the law only recognizes passage of the Registered
27 Respiratory Therapist Examination offered by the NBRC to qualify
28 for licensure. Forty-seven other states recognize the passage of the
29 Certified Respiratory Therapist examination as qualifying
30 applicants for licensure, so this bill would conform New Jersey’s
31 respiratory therapist requirements to most states in the country.
32 Additionally, widening the options for the examinations an
33 individual can take to qualify as a respiratory therapist will help
34 address shortages in that profession in New Jersey.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.