

Minnesota

Respiratory Care Practice Act contains exemption language

Minnesota Chapter 147C: Respiratory Care Practitioners

Section 147C.10: Unlicensed Practice Prohibited; Protected Titles and Restrictions on Use

Subd. 2. Other health care practitioners. (a) Nothing in this chapter shall prohibit the practice of any profession or occupation licensed or registered by the state by any person duly licensed or registered to practice the profession or occupation or to perform any act that falls within the scope of practice of the profession or occupation.

- (b) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require a respiratory care license for:
- (1) **a student enrolled in a respiratory therapy or polysomnography technology education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs, its successor organization, or another nationally recognized accrediting organization;**
 - (2) a respiratory therapist as a member of the United States armed forces while performing duties incident to that duty;
 - (3) an individual employed by a durable medical equipment provider or a home medical equipment provider who delivers, sets up, instructs the patient on the use of, or maintains respiratory care equipment, but does not perform assessment, education, or evaluation of the patient;
 - (4) self-care by a patient or gratuitous care by a friend or relative who does not purport to be a licensed respiratory therapist; or
 - (5) **an individual employed in a sleep lab or center as a polysomnographic technologist under the supervision of a licensed physician.**