

(1) IS NECESSARY TO THE HEALTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL ON WHOM IT IS PERFORMED AND IS PERFORMED BY A PERSON LICENSED IN THE STATE AS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER, OR

(2) IS PERFORMED:

(i) ~~ON AN INDIVIDUAL IN LABOR OR WHO HAS JUST GIVEN BIRTH;~~
AND

(ii) ~~FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THAT LABOR OR BIRTH BY A PERSON LICENSED IN THE STATE AS A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER, MIDWIFE, OR INDIVIDUAL IN TRAINING TO BECOME A MEDICAL PRACTITIONER OR MIDWIFE.~~

(B) IN DETERMINING WHETHER AN OPERATION IS NECESSARY TO THE HEALTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL, NO ACCOUNT MAY BE TAKEN OF THE BELIEF ON THE PART OF ANY INDIVIDUAL THAT THE OPERATION IS REQUIRED AS A MATTER OF CUSTOM OR RITUAL.

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A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE IS GUILTY OF A FELONY AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act ~~shall take effect October 1, 1998~~ is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 129

(Senate Bill 144)

AN ACT concerning

Health Occupation Boards - Study of Codes of Conduct for Board Members and Investigators

FOR the purpose of requiring the health occupation boards and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to study the recommendations of a certain report concerning the establishment of certain codes of conduct and determine how to implement those recommendations in a specified manner; requiring each health occupation board to identify certain changes to its statutory authority; requiring the health occupation boards and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the effective date of this Act; and generally relating to the