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То	amend sections 4745.01, 4761.02, and 4761.03 and	1
	to enact sections 4752.01 to 4752.09 and 4752.99	2
	of the Revised Code to require licensure of home	3
	medical equipment services providers by the Ohio	4
	Respiratory Care Board.	5

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

4747., 4749., <u>4752.</u>, 4753., 4755., 4757., 4758., 4759., 4761.,

Section 1. That sections 4745.01, 4761.02, and 4761.03 be	6
amended and sections 4752.01, 4752.02, 4752.03, 4752.04, 4752.05,	7
4752.06, 4752.07, 4752.08, 4752.09, and 4752.99 of the Revised	8
Code be enacted to read as follows:	9
Sec. 4745.01. (A) "Standard renewal procedure," as used in	10
Chapters 905., 907., 909., 911., 913., 915., 918., 921., 923.,	11
927., 942., 943., 953., 1321., 3710., 3713., 3719., 3731., 3742.,	12
3748., 3769., 3783., 3921., 3951., 4104., 4105., 4143., 4169.,	13
4561., 4703., 4707., 4709., 4713., 4715., 4717., 4723., 4725.,	14
4727., 4728., 4729., 4731., 4733., 4734., 4735., 4739., 4741.,	15

4766., 4773., and 4775. of the Revised Code, means the license 17 renewal procedures specified in this chapter. 18

- (B) "Licensing agency," as used in this chapter, means any
  department, division, board, section of a board, or other state

  governmental unit subject to the standard renewal procedure, as
  defined in this section, and authorized by the Revised Code to
  issue a license to engage in a specific profession, occupation, or
  occupational activity, or to have charge of and operate certain
  specified equipment, machinery, or premises.
- (C) "License," as used in this chapter, means a license,

  certificate, permit, card, or other authority issued or conferred

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  by a licensing agency by authority of which the licensee has or

  claims the privilege to engage in the profession, occupation, or

  occupational activity, or to have control of and operate certain

  specific equipment, machinery, or premises, over which the

  licensing agency has jurisdiction.
- (D) "Licensee," as used in this chapter, means either the person to whom the license is issued or renewed by a licensing 34 agency, or the person, partnership, or corporation at whose 35 request the license is issued or renewed. 36
- (E) "Renewal" and "renewed," as used in this chapter and in the chapters of the Revised Code specified in division (A) of this section, includes the continuing licensing procedure provided in Chapter 3748. of the Revised Code and rules adopted under it and in sections 1321.05 and 3921.33 of the Revised Code, and as applied to those continuing licenses any reference in this chapter to the date of expiration of any license shall be construed to mean the due date of the annual or other fee for the continuing license.

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delivery, installation, maintenance, replacement, or demonstration

engaged in offering to the public home medical equipment services

by qualified personnel authorized by the board in rule to provide

(D) "Home medical equipment services provider" means a person

(E) "Hospital" has the same meaning as in section 3727.01 of

of home medical equipment.

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the Revised Code.

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(7) An individual who holds a current, valid license issued

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under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code to practice veterinary	106
medicine;	107
(8) An individual who holds a current, valid license issued	108
under Chapter 4779. of the Revised Code to practice orthotics,	109
prosthetics, or pedorthics;	110
(9) A pharmacy licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised	111
Code that either does not sell or rent home medical equipment or	112
receives total payments of less than ten thousand dollars per year	113
from selling or renting home medical equipment;	114
(10) A home dialysis equipment provider regulated by federal	115
law.	116
Sec. 4752.03. A person seeking a license to provide home	117
medical equipment services shall apply to the Ohio respiratory	118
care board on a form the board shall prescribe and provide. The	119
application must be accompanied by the license application fee	120
established in rules adopted under section 4752.06 of the Revised	121
Code and specify the location of the facility from which services	122
will be provided.	123
Sec. 4752.04. (A) The Ohio respiratory care board or the	124
executive director of the Ohio respiratory care board shall issue	125
a license to provide home medical equipment services to each	126
applicant that meets one of the following requirements:	127
(1) Meets the standards established by the board in rules	128
adopted under section 4752.06 of the Revised Code;	129
(2) Is a hospital that provides home medical equipment	130
services through a separate entity that has its own medicare or	131
medicaid provider number;	132
(3) Is a pharmacy licensed under Chapter 4729. of the Revised	133
Code that receives total payments of ten thousand dollars or more	134

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per year from selling or renting home medical equipment;	135
(4) Is an entity accredited by the joint commission on	136
accreditation of healthcare organizations;	137
(5) Is accredited based on home health care standards by an	138
accrediting body recognized by the board in rules adopted under	139
section 4752.06 of the Revised Code and provides documentation of	140
its accreditation to the board.	141
(B) During the period ending one year after the effective	142
date of this section, an applicant that does not meet any of the	143
requirements of division (A) of this section shall be granted a	144
provisional license if for at least twelve months prior to the	145
effective date of this section the applicant was engaged in the	146
business of providing home medical equipment services. The	147
provisional license expires one year following the date on which	148
it is issued and is not subject to renewal under section 4752.05	149
of the Revised Code.	150
(C) The board or the board's executive director may conduct a	151
personal interview of an applicant, or an applicant's	152
representative, to determine the applicant's qualifications for	153
licensure.	154
(D) A license issued under division (A) of this section is	155
valid from the day it is issued until the thirtieth day of June	156
that immediately follows the date of issue. Thereafter a license	157
is valid only if it is renewed in accordance with section 4752.05	158
of the Revised Code biennially on or before the thirtieth day of	159
<u>June.</u>	160
(E) Any license issued under this section is valid only for	161
the facility named in the application. A person that intends to	162
provide home medical equipment services from more than one	163
facility must obtain a separate license for each facility.	164

Sec. 4752.05. Except for a provisional license issued under	165
section 4752.04 of the Revised Code, a license issued under this	166
chapter shall be renewed by the Ohio respiratory care board if the	167
license holder is in compliance with the applicable requirements	168
of this chapter.	169
An application for license renewal shall be accompanied by	170
the renewal fee established in rules adopted under section 4752.06	171
of the Revised Code and documentation satisfactory to the board	172
that the continuing education requirements of section 4752.07 of	173
the Revised Code have been met. Renewals shall be made in	174
accordance with the standard renewal procedure established under	175
Chapter 4745. of the Revised Code.	176
Sec. 4752.06. (A) The Ohio respiratory care board shall adopt	177
rules to implement and administer this chapter. The rules shall	178
establish all of the following:	179
(1) Standards an applicant must meet to be eligible to be	180
granted a license under section 4752.04 of the Revised Code;	181
(2) Standards for personnel policies, equipment storage,	182
equipment maintenance, and record keeping;	183
(3) Standards for continuing education programs in home	184
medical equipment services for individuals who provide home	185
medical equipment services while employed by or under the control	186
of a home medical equipment services provider;	187
(4) Standards and procedures for inspection of home medical	188
equipment providers and facilities from which home medical	189
equipment services are provided and for appeal of inspection	190
results;	191
(5) Fees for initial license, license renewal, and	192
inspections;	193

(D) A provider that disputes the results of an inspection may	253
file an appeal with the board not later than ninety days after	254
receiving the report. The board shall review the inspection report	255
and, at the request of the provider, conduct a new inspection.	256
Sec. 4752.09. (A) The Ohio respiratory care board may, in	257
accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code, suspend or	258
revoke a license issued under this chapter or discipline a license	259
holder by imposing a fine of not more than five thousand dollars	260
or taking other disciplinary action on any of the following	261
grounds:	262
(1) Violation of any provision of this chapter or an order or	263
rule of the board or failure to meet the standards established	264
under division (A) of section 4752.06 of the Revised Code;	265
(2) A plea of guilty to or a judicial finding of guilt of a	266
felony or a misdemeanor that involves dishonesty or is directly	267
related to the provision of medical equipment;	268
(3) Making a material misstatement in furnishing information	269
to the board;	270
(4) Professional incompetence;	271
(5) Being guilty of negligence or gross misconduct in	272
providing home medical equipment and services;	273
(6) Aiding, assisting, or willfully permitting another person	274
to violate any provision of this chapter or an order or rule of	275
the board;	276
(7) Failing, within sixty days, to provide information in	277
response to a written request by the board;	278
(8) Engaging in conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm	279
the public;	280
(9) Denial, revocation, suspension, or restriction of a	281

license to provide home medical equipment services, for any reason	282
other than failure to renew, in another state or jurisdiction;	283
(10) Directly or indirectly giving to or receiving from any	284
person a fee, commission, rebate, or other form of compensation	285
<pre>for services not rendered;</pre>	286
(11) Knowingly making or filing false records, reports, or	287
billings in the course of providing home medical equipment and	288
services, including false records, reports, or billings prepared	289
for or submitted to state and federal agencies or departments;	290
(12) Failing to comply with federal rules issued pursuant to	291
the medicare program established under Title XVIII of the "Social	292
Security Act, " 49 Stat. 620(1935), 42 U.S.C. 1395, as amended,	293
relating to operations, financial transactions, and general	294
business practices of home medical services providers.	295
(B) The respiratory care board immediately may suspend a	296
license without a hearing if it determines that there is evidence	297
that the license holder is subject to actions under this section	298
and that there is clear and convincing evidence that continued	299
operation by the license holder presents an immediate and serious	300
harm to the public. The president and executive director of the	301
board shall make a preliminary determination and describe, by	302
telephone conference or any other method of communication, the	303
evidence on which they made their determination to the other	304
members of the board. The board may by resolution designate	305
another board member to act in place of the president of the board	306
or another employee to act in the place of the executive director,	307
in the event that the board president or executive director is	308
unavailable or unable to act. On review of the evidence, the board	309
may by a vote of not less than five of its members, suspend a	310
license without a prior hearing. The board may vote on the	311
suspension by way of a telephone conference call.	312

Immediately following the decision to suspend a license under	313
this division, the board shall issue a written order of suspension	314
and cause it to be delivered in accordance with section 119.07 of	315
the Revised Code. The order shall not be subject to suspension by	316
the court during the pendency of any appeal filed under section	317
119.12 of the Revised Code. If the license holder requests an	318
adjudication hearing, the date set for the hearing shall be within	319
fifteen days but not earlier than seven days after the license	320
holder requests the hearing, unless another date is agreed to by	321
the license holder and the board. The suspension shall remain in	322
effect, unless reversed by the board, until a final adjudication	323
order issued by the board pursuant to this section and Chapter	324
119. of the Revised Code becomes effective. The board shall issue	325
its final adjudication order not later than ninety days after	326
completion of the hearing. The board's failure to issue the order	327
by that day shall cause the summary suspension to end, but shall	328
not affect the validity of any subsequent final adjudication	329
order.	330
Sec. 4752.99. Whoever violates division (A) of section	331
4752.02 of the Revised Code is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on	332
the first offense. On the second offense, the person is quilty of	333
a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. On each subsequent offense,	334
the person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.	335
Sec. 4761.02. The governor, with the advice and consent of	336
the senate, shall appoint the Ohio respiratory care board,	337
consisting of <del>five</del> <u>nine</u> residents of this state. <del>Three</del> <u>Five</u>	338
members of the board shall be respiratory care professionals who	339
were engaged in or actively associated with the practice of	340
respiratory care in this state for at least five years immediately	341
preceding appointment. Two members shall be home medical equipment	342
services providers with not less than five years of management	343

experience in home medical equipment services prior to	344
appointment. One member shall be a physician who has clinical	345
training and experience in the management of pulmonary disease.	346
One member shall represent the public.	347

After the term of a member of the board expires or becomes 348 vacant, the Ohio state medical association may submit to the 349 governor the names of nominees for the board position to be filled 350 by a physician. The board of directors of the Ohio society for 351 respiratory care, inc., may recommend to the governor at least 352 three persons for each board position to be filled by a 353 respiratory care professional. The American lung association of 354 Ohio may submit to the governor the names of nominees for the 355 board position to be filled by a person representing the public. 356 The Ohio association of medical equipment services may submit to 357 the governor the names of nominees for the two board positions to 358 be filled by home medical equipment services providers. The 359 governor shall consider these nominees in making the appointments. 360

Terms Of the two additional members of the board to be 361 appointed who are respiratory care professionals who were engaged 362 in or actively associated with the practice of respiratory care in 363 this state for at least five years immediately preceding 364 appointment, one shall be appointed for a term ending the 365 fourteenth day of March immediately following the date that is one 366 year after the effective date of this amendment and one for a term 367 ending on the fourteenth day of March immediately following the 368 date that is two years after the effective date of this amendment. 369 Of the initial two home medical equipment services providers 370 appointed to the board, one shall be appointed for a term ending 371 the fourteenth day of March immediately following the date that is 372 one year after the effective date of this amendment and one for a 373 term ending the fourteenth day of March immediately following the 374 date that is two years after the effective date of this amendment. 375

the practice of respiratory care in this state and the persons to

whom the board issues licenses and limited permits and shall

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<u>license home medical equipment services providers under Chapter</u>	407
4752. of the Revised Code under this chapter. Rules adopted under	408
this chapter that deal with the provision of respiratory care in a	409
hospital, other than rules regulating the issuance of licenses or	410
limited permits, shall be consistent with the conditions for	411
participation under medicare, Title XVIII of the "Social Security	412
Act, " 79 Stat. 286 (1965), 42 U.S.C.A. 1395, as amended, and with	413
the respiratory care accreditation standards of the joint	414
commission on accreditation of healthcare organizations or the	415
American osteopathic association.	416
The board shall:	417
(A) Adopt, and may rescind or amend, rules in accordance with	418
Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to carry out the purposes of this	419
chapter, including rules prescribing:	420
(1) The form and manner for filing applications for licensure	421
and renewal, limited permits, and limited permit extensions under	422
sections 4761.05 and 4761.06 of the Revised Code;	423
(2) The form, scoring, and scheduling of examinations and	424
reexaminations for licensure and license renewal;	425
(3) Standards for the approval of educational programs	426
required to qualify for licensure and continuing education	427
programs required for license renewal;	428
(4) Continuing education courses and the number of hour	429
requirements necessary for license renewal, in accordance with	430
section 4761.06 of the Revised Code;	431
(5) Procedures for the issuance and renewal of licenses and	432
limited permits;	433
(6) Procedures for the denial, suspension, permanent	434
revocation, refusal to renew, and reinstatement of licenses and	435
limited permits, the conduct of hearings, and the imposition of	436

(3) A list of the names and locations of the institutions

that each year granted degrees or certificates of completion in respiratory care;  (4) After the administration of each examination, a list of persons who passed the examination.  (H) Submit to the governor and to the general assembly each year a report of all of its official actions during the preceding year, together with any findings and recommendations with regard to the improvement of the profession of respiratory care;  (I) Administer and enforce Chapter 4752. of the Revised Code.  Section 2. That existing sections 4745.01, 4761.02, and 4761.03 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.  Section 3. Not later than ninety days after the effective	498 499 500 501 502 503
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Section 3. Not later than ninety days after the effective	508
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date of this act, the Governor with the advice and consent of the	510
Senate shall make the additional appointments to the Ohio	511
Respiratory Care Board under section 4761.02 of the Revised Code,	512
as amended by this act.	513
Section 4. Section 4752.02 of the Revised Code shall take	514
effect one year after the effective date of this act.	