

PUBLIC HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 368 of 1978

***** 333.16263[1].amended THIS AMENDED SECTION IS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007 *****

333.16263[1].amended Restricted use of words, titles, or letters.

Sec. 16263. (1) Except as provided in subsection (2), the following words, titles, or letters or a combination thereof, with or without qualifying words or phrases, are restricted in use only to those persons authorized under this article to use the terms and in a way prescribed in this article:

- (a) "Chiropractic", "doctor of chiropractic", "chiropractor", "d.c.", and "chiropractic physician".
- (b) "Dentist", "doctor of dental surgery", "oral and maxillofacial surgeon", "orthodontist", "prosthodontist", "periodontist", "endodontist", "oral pathologist", "pediatric dentist", "dental hygienist", "registered dental hygienist", "dental assistant", "registered dental assistant", "r.d.a.", "d.d.s.", "d.m.d.", and "r.d.h.".
- (c) "Doctor of medicine" and "m.d.".
- (d) "Physician's assistant" and "p.a.".
- (e) "Registered professional nurse", "registered nurse", "r.n.", "licensed practical nurse", "l.p.n.", "nurse midwife", "nurse anesthetist", "nurse practitioner", "trained attendant", and "t.a.".
- (f) "Doctor of optometry", "optometrist", and "o.d.".
- (g) "Osteopath", "osteopathy", "osteopathic practitioner", "doctor of osteopathy", "diplomat in osteopathy", and "d.o.".
- (h) "Pharmacy", "pharmacist", "apothecary", "drugstore", "druggist", "medicine store", "prescriptions", and "r.ph.".
- (i) "Physical therapy", "physical therapist", "physiotherapist", "registered physical therapist", "licensed physical therapist", "physical therapy technician", "p.t.", "r.p.t.", "l.p.t.", and "p.t.t.".
- (j) "Chiropodist", "chiropody", "chiropodical", "podiatry", "podiatrist", "podiatric", "doctor of podiatric medicine", "foot specialist", "podiatric physician and surgeon", and "d.p.m.".
- (k) "Consulting psychologist", "psychologist", "psychological assistant", "psychological examiner", "licensed psychologist", and "limited licensed psychologist".
- (l) "Licensed professional counselor", "licensed counselor", "professional counselor", and "l.p.c.".
- (m) "Sanitarian", "registered sanitarian", and "r.s.".
- (n) Until July 1, 2005, "social worker", "certified social worker", "social work technician", "s.w.", "c.s.w.", and "s.w.t.". Beginning July 1, 2005, "social worker", "licensed master's social worker", "licensed bachelor's social worker", "registered social service technician", "social service technician", "l.m.s.w.", "l.b.s.w.", and "r.s.s.t.".
- (o) "Veterinary", "veterinarian", "veterinary doctor", "veterinary surgeon", "doctor of veterinary medicine", "v.m.d.", "d.v.m.", "animal technician", or "animal technologist".
- (p) "Occupational therapist", "occupational therapist registered", "certified occupational therapist", "o.t.", "o.t.r.", "c.o.t.", "certified occupational therapy assistant", "occupational therapy assistant", or "c.o.t.a.".
- (q) "Marriage advisor" or "marriage consultant"; "family counselor", "family advisor", "family therapist", or "family consultant"; "family guidance counselor", "family guidance advisor", or "family guidance consultant"; "marriage guidance counselor", "marriage guidance advisor", or "marriage guidance consultant"; "family relations counselor"; "marriage relations counselor", "marriage relations advisor", or "marriage relations consultant"; "marital counselor" or "marital therapist"; "limited licensed marriage and family therapist" or "limited licensed marriage counselor"; "licensed marriage and family therapist" or "licensed marriage counselor"; and "l.m.f.t.".
- (r) "Nursing home administrator".
- (s) "Respiratory therapist", "respiratory care practitioner", "licensed respiratory therapist", "licensed respiratory care practitioner", "r.t.", "r.c.p.", "l.r.t.", and "l.r.c.p.".
- (t) "Audiometrist", "audiologist", "hearing therapist", "hearing aid audiologist", "educational audiologist", "industrial audiologist", and "clinical audiologist".
- (u) "Acupuncturist", "certified acupuncturist", and "registered acupuncturist".
- (v) "Athletic trainer", "licensed athletic trainer", "certified athletic trainer", "athletic trainer certified", "a.t.", "a.t.l.", "c.a.t.", and "a.t.c.".
- (w) "Registered dietitian", "licensed dietitian", "dietitian", "licensed nutritionist", "nutritionist", "r.d.", "l.d.", and "l.n.".

(2) Notwithstanding section 16261, a person who was specially trained at an institution of higher education in this state to assist a physician in the field of orthopedics and upon completion of training, received a 2-year associate of science degree as an orthopedic physician's assistant before January 1, 1977, may use the title

"orthopedic physician's assistant" whether or not the person is licensed under this article.

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Compiler's note: Section 3 of Act 174 of 1986 provides: "This amendatory act shall only apply to contested cases filed on or after July 1, 1986."

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