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An Act Regarding the Scope of Practice of Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists

Reference to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative CLOUGH of Scarborough.

Cosponsored by Senator BARTLETT of Cumberland and

Representatives: ADAMS of Portland, AUSTIN of Gray, CURLEY of Scarborough,

McCORMICK of West Gardiner, RECTOR of Thomaston, SEAVEY of Kennebunkport,

Senators: BROMLEY of Cumberland, HOBBINS of York.

4	CHAPTER 8
6	REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALISTS
8	§431. Definitions
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12	As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.
14	1. Cardiologist. "Cardiologist" means a physician who has successfully completed an approved cardiology training program,
16	including, but not limited to, a program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, or its
18	equivalent or successor.
20	2. Cardiovascular invasive specialist. "Cardiovascular invasive specialist" means a cardiovascular invasive specialist
22	who is currently registered by a cardiovascular credentialing organization and who, working under the direct supervision of a
24	cardiologist, performs procedures on patients for diagnosis or treatment of congenital or acquired heart disease.
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28	3. Supervising cardiologist. "Supervising cardiologist" means a physician currently possessing an active, unrestricted
30	license to practice medicine in this State who practices in the medical specialty of cardiology and has successfully completed a
32	residency in cardiology approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or its equivalent or successor.
34	4. Supervision. "Supervision" means medical direction and
36	acceptance of responsibility for the cardiac services rendered by a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist in a manner provided for in law and the adopted protocol of a hospital
38	licensed in the State. The supervising cardiologist must be in the hospital and in the operative area such that the cardiologist
40	can be immediately available to participate directly in the care of the patient with whom the cardiovascular invasive specialist
42	and the cardiologist are jointly involved.
44	§432. Functions and duties
46	Cardiovascular invasive specialists may perform medical
48	tasks and services according to a hospital's written practice protocols developed for cardiovascular invasive specialists

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 32 MRSA c. 8 is enacted to read:

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2	pursuant to section 434. Within the practice protocols the
2	registered cardiovascular invasive specialist, under the supervision of a cardiologist, may:
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	1. Baseline patient assessment. Perform baseline patient
6	assessment;
8	2. Evaluate patient response. Evaluate patient response to
	diagnostic or interventional maneuvers and medications during
10	cardiac catheterization laboratory procedures:
12	3. Provide patient care and drug administration. Provide
	patient care and drug administration commonly used in the cardiac
14	catheterization laboratory under the direction of a qualified
16	physician;
	4. Act as first assistant. Act as first assistant during
18	diagnostic and therapeutic catheterization procedures;
20	5. Monitor and analyze hemodynamic data. Monitor and
	analyze hemodynamic data during all therapeutic and diagnostic
22	catheterization procedures; and
24	 Assist in advanced cardiac life support procedures.
2.6	Assist in advanced cardiac life support procedures.
26	§433. Supervision
28	3433. Duper vision
	A cardiovascular invasive specialist may practice only under
30	the supervision of a supervising cardiologist. A supervising
	cardiologist may not supervise more than 2 registered
32	cardiovascular invasive specialists at any one time.
34	§434. Protocols
36	A cardiovascular invasive specialist shall practice within
	the written scope of a hospital's practice protocols. The
38	hospital shall adopt these practice protocols, which must be
	signed by the supervising cardiologists and cardiovascular
40	invasive specialists practicing at the hospital. Copies of the
	protocols must be on file at all practice sites. The protocols
42	must include at a minimum the following:
44	1. Names of supervising cardiologists. Names, license
	numbers and practice addresses of the supervising cardiologists;
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4.0	2. Names of cardiovascular invasive specialists. Names and
48	practice addresses of the cardiovascular invasive specialists;

3. Date of protocols. Date the protocols were developed
and dates they were reviewed or amended; and
4. Situations that require direct evaluation or immediate
referral. Situations that require direct evaluation by or
immediate referral to a cardiologist.
§435. Limitations
A cardiovascular invasive specialist may not:
1. Perform unapproved task. Perform a task that has not
been listed and approved on the practice protocols pursuant to
section 434 currently on file with the hospital; or
2. Prescribe drugs. Prescribe drugs, medications on
devices of any kind.
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§436. Identification required
A cardiovascular invasive specialist must be clearly
identified to ensure that the cardiovascular invasive specialist
is not mistaken for or misrepresented as a physician.
cardiovascular invasive specialist shall wear a clearly legible
identification badge at least one inch by 3 inches in size
bearing the cardiovascular invasive specialist's name and the
words "Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialist." Patients
in hospitals utilizing cardiovascular invasive specialists must
be informed if a cardiovascular invasive specialist will be
involved in their cardiac care.
§437. Rules
The Department of Health and Human Services shall adopt
rules necessary to ensure implementation of this chapter. Rules
adopted pursuant to this section are routine technical rules
pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.
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SUMMARY
This bill enacts laws governing registered cardiovascular
invasive specialists. The bill requires cardiovascular invasive
specialists to work within written practice protocols and under
the supervision of a cardiologist. The bill lists functions and

duties that a cardiovascular invasive specialist may and may not perform. The bill requires that a cardiovascular invasive

specialist wear an identification badge that clearly identifies

the cardiovascular invasive specialist as such.

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