

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SESSION LAW 1997-500
HOUSE BILL 853

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION ACT TO ALLOW COLLABORATIVE PRACTICES BETWEEN PHYSICIANS AND AUDIOLOGISTS AND BETWEEN OPHTHALMOLOGISTS AND OPTOMETRISTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 55B-14(c) reads as rewritten:

- "(c) A professional corporation may also be formed by and between or among:
- (1) A licensed psychologist and a physician practicing psychiatry to render psychotherapeutic and related ~~services;~~ services.
 - (2) Any combination of a registered nurse, nurse practitioner, certified clinical specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, certified nurse midwife, and certified nurse anesthetist, to render nursing and related services that the respective stockholders are licensed, certified, or otherwise approved to ~~provide;~~ provide.
 - (3) A physician and a physician assistant who is licensed, registered, or otherwise certified under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to render medical and related ~~services;~~ services.
 - (4) A physician practicing psychiatry, or a licensed psychologist, or both, and a certified clinical specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, or a certified clinical social worker, or both, to render psychotherapeutic and related services that the respective stockholders are licensed, certified, or otherwise approved to ~~provide;~~ provide.
 - (5) A physician and any combination of a nurse practitioner, certified clinical specialist in psychiatric and mental health nursing, or certified nurse midwife, registered or otherwise certified under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes, to render medical and related services that the respective stockholders are licensed, certified, or otherwise approved to ~~provide; and~~ provide.
 - (6) A physician practicing anesthesiology and a certified nurse anesthetist to render anesthesia and related medical services that the respective stockholders are licensed, certified, or otherwise approved to provide.
 - (7) A physician and an audiologist who is licensed under Article 22 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to render audiological and related

medical services that the respective stockholders are licensed, certified, or otherwise approved to provide.

- (8) A physician practicing ophthalmology and an optometrist who is licensed under Article 6 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to render either or both of ophthalmic services and optometric and related services that the respective stockholders are licensed, certified, or otherwise approved to provide."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28th day of August, 1997.

Approved 4:29 p.m. this 11th day of September, 1997