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*Virginia Academy of Sleep Medicine Legislative Alert*  
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**Passage of HB 725**

Dear VASM Colleagues:

The VASM is proud to announce the final passage of HB 725, our bill to license RPSGTs in the state of Virginia. Our legislation enjoyed nearly unanimous support in the House and Senate. Last Wednesday, the General Assembly convened for the "Veto Session", to consider amendments or vetoes to legislation offered by Governor Bob McDonnell. Governor McDonnell offered a technical language amendment to HB 725, which the General Assembly passed unanimously. HB 725 will become law on July 1, 2010. Thanks to Delegate Chris Peace of Hanover for being the patron of HB 725. The legislation calls for the creation of the Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology under the Board of Medicine. The new Advisory Board will consist of three RPSGTs with at least three years of experience, one physician who specializes in the practice of sleep medicine and one citizen member.

VASM seeks volunteers with strong sleep background to serve on the Advisory Board. Members of the Advisory Board will be chosen by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. As the professional association representing RPSGTs the Governor will look to the VASM for candidates. If you are interested in serving on the Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology, please notify Jane

Davis at [jdavis@ramdocs.org](mailto:jdavis@ramdocs.org). Applicants should provide a CV including professional and volunteer activities.

Advisory Boards under the Board of Medicine generally meet three times a year in Richmond and travel expenses are reimbursed by the state. In the event there is a disciplinary case against a practitioner, Advisory Board members will be called to Richmond for a hearing and deliberation on the case.

Since the Advisory Board on Polysomnographic Technology is a new Board, those serving as the first Board members will be responsible for crafting the regulations guiding the practice of polysomnography. The Board of Medicine will assign several staff members to the Advisory Board to provide guidance on the regulatory process and who will write the regulations with input from the Advisory Board.

Dr. Richard Parisi (our President Elect and soon to be President) deserves much credit for the passage of this legislation as does Ms. Karin Addison CEO of Addison Elwood and our representative in shepherding this legislation to successful passage. We have been asked to present our experience in passing this legislation at a symposium for this years AAST meeting in San Antonio.

Sincerely,

*Robert D. Vorona, MD*  
VASM President

## **Second Annual VASM Conference**

We are currently planning our second annual VASM Conference. Please **SAVE THE DATE** of October 8, 2010 at the Short Pump Hilton (Richmond) for this meeting. Our second conference will be an entire day and promises to be an exciting opportunity to further your knowledge and to meet once again your sleep colleagues from throughout the state. Dr. Kathe Henke leads the education committee this year and tells me that amongst the topics will be medico-legal aspects of sleep medicine, pediatric behavioral sleep medicine, update on restless leg syndrome, oral appliances, and adolescent sleep

physiology. CME's and CEU's for the techs will be available. Please plan to attend and to encourage your sleep colleagues to attend. Particularly in these tight financial times, we believe that our state meeting will be well worthwhile for physicians, technologists, technicians and nurses alike. We will keep you informed about the meeting in follow-up communications.

## **Nominations for the next slate of VASM officers**

The two year tenure of your VASM officers is soon coming to an end and thus it is time to solicit nominations for our next slate of officers. Richard Parisi, MD will ascend to President and I will take on the post of Past President. We will need to fill the post of President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and 1 Director on the Board of Directors. Please remember that the post of Secretary must be filled by a VASM member with RPSGT qualifications (as the President will be a physician) and that at least two of the Board will be of the RPSGT category. You can access our by-laws at our website [www.vasleepmedicine.org](http://www.vasleepmedicine.org). For those of you interested in serving, please send your CV's to Ms. Jane Davis at [jdavis@ramdocs.org](mailto:jdavis@ramdocs.org).

Please encourage your sleep colleagues who have yet to join the VASM to do so. I believe that in just 1.5 years the VASM has achieved great success and that our future is bright.

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