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*Virginia Academy of Sleep Medicine Legislative Alert*  
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**HB 725 License Polysomnographic Technologist**

HB 725 has passed both the House and Senate, and awaits the Governor's signature. VASM has written letters of support to the Governor asking him to sign our legislation, and we fully expect that he will sign the bill into law. Governor McDonnell has until Friday, April 16th to sign or amend any bill. The legislature will reconvene for the Veto Session on April 21st to consider any amendments or vetoes to bills by the Governor.

**Membership Recruitment**

VASM Members -

The Virginia Academy of Sleep Medicine needs your help in our ongoing efforts to advance the field of Sleep Medicine in our state. If you know of someone who is not a member encourage them to join the VASM.

Inform them that in our first year much has been accomplished:

- The Academy was formed and approximately 200 members from around the state have joined.
- An excellent educational conference was held last October in Charlottesville.
- A successful appeal was made to the Virginia Board of Health Professions for oversight of licensure of polysomnographic technologists
- Legislation has been introduced to the Virginia lawmakers for polysomnographic technologist licensure.
- Lobbyist services have been enlisted to facilitate passage of the bill, and will require support to provide. The outcome will affect all sleep laboratories.
- The second annual VASM conference is already under planning for Fall 2010 in Richmond, and is your opportunity for continuing education and to meet your peers from all over the state. It will be expanded to a full day conference

#### Who can join:

- Membership is open to all who work in Sleep Medicine. This is a team effort.
- Sleep Professionals: MD, DO, PhD, DDS/DMD. Membership \$100.
- Allied sleep professionals: NP, PA. sleep technicians, sleep technologists. Membership \$50.
- Affiliate membership: Sleep center managers, respiratory therapists. Membership \$50.
- NEW CATEGORY: Professional in training: Residents, fellows, medical students, nursing students, sleep trainees: Membership \$25.

## Save the Date

The 2010 VASM Conference will be October 8, 2010 at the Short Pump Hilton in Richmond, Virginia.

More details to follow.....

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