

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2016 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 375 — Physician Assistants

by Health Care Appropriations Subcommittee; Rep. Steube and others (CS/CS/SB 748 by Appropriations Committee; Health Policy Committee; and Senator Flores

The bill authorizes a physician assistant (PA) to perform services delegated by a supervising physician related to the PA's practice in accordance with his or her education and training unless expressly prohibited under ch. 458, ch. 459, F.S., or by rules adopted under the allopathic and osteopathic medical practice acts.

The bill also clarifies that a PA, with delegated prescribing authority, may use prescriptions in both paper and electronic form. The bill deletes obsolete provisions relating to PA examinations by the Department of Health in favor of national proficiency examinations. The bill streamlines the PA licensure and application process by eliminating the requirement for letters of recommendation and substituting acknowledgments for sworn statements that required notarization.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2016.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 118-0