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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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1 Representative Garcia offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

4 On page 46, between lines 20 and 21,
5 insert:

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7 (c)1. The board, or the department when there is no board,
8 shall approve by rule the use of one or more national
9 examinations which the department has certified as meeting
10 requirements of national examinations and generally accepted
11 testing standards pursuant to department rules. Providers of
12 examinations seeking certification by the department shall pay
13 the actual costs incurred by the department in making a
14 determination regarding the certification. The name and number
15 of a candidate may be provided to a national contractor for the
16 limited purpose of preparing the grade tape and information to

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17 | be returned to the board or department; or, to the extent
18 | otherwise specified by rule, the candidate may apply directly to
19 | the vendor of the national examination and supply test score
20 | information to the department. The department may delegate to
21 | the board the duty to provide and administer the examination.
22 | Any national examination approved by a board, or the department
23 | when there is no board, prior to October 1, 1997, is deemed
24 | certified under this paragraph.

25 | 2. The board, or the department when there is no board,
26 | shall approve and begin administering a national examination no
27 | later than December 31, 2001. Neither the board nor the
28 | department may administer a state-developed written examination,
29 | except for physician assistants, after December 31, 2001,
30 | notwithstanding any other provision of law, provided a national
31 | examination has been certified by the department. For physician
32 | assistants, beginning August 1, 2004, the board or the
33 | department shall administer a state-developed written
34 | examination at least three times. The examination dates shall be
35 | offered not less than 9 months nor more than 12 months apart.
36 | The examination may be administered electronically if adequate
37 | security measures are used, as determined by rule of the
38 | department.

39 | 3. The board, or the department when there is no board,
40 | may administer a state-developed practical or clinical
41 | examination, as required by the applicable practice act, if all
42 | costs of development, purchase, validation, administration,
43 | review, and defense are paid by the examination candidate prior
44 | to the administration of the examination. If a national

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45 practical or clinical examination is available and certified by
46 the department pursuant to this section, the board, or the
47 department when there is no board, may administer the national
48 examination.

49 4. It is the intent of the Legislature to reduce the costs
50 associated with state examinations and to encourage the use of
51 national examinations whenever possible.

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53 ===== D I R E C T O R Y A M E N D M E N T =====

54 On page 46, lines 17-19,
55 remove: those lines

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57 and insert:

58 Section 21. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) and subsection
59 (2) of section 456.017, Florida Statutes, are amended, and
60 subsection (7) is added to said section, to read:

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62 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

63 On page 3, line 13,
64 remove: that line

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66 and insert: s. 456.017, F.S.; providing for testing of physician
67 assistants; revising requirements for