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See HB 859

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to physician assistants;
3 amending ss. 458.331 and 459.015, F.S.; placing
4 a physician assistant on probable cause panels
5 of the Board of Medicine and the Board of
6 Osteopathic Medicine considering discipline of
7 physician assistants; amending ss. 458.347 and
8 459.022, F.S.; authorizing the preparation of
9 certain medical charts and records without the
10 cosignature of a licensed physician; providing
11 an effective date.

13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

15 Section 1. Subsection (2) of section 458.331, Florida
16 Statutes, is amended to read:

17 458.331 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the
18 board and department.--

19 (2) The board may enter an order denying licensure or
20 imposing any of the penalties in s. 456.072(2) against any
21 applicant for licensure or licensee who is found guilty of
22 violating any provision of subsection (1) of this section or
23 who is found guilty of violating any provision of s.

24 456.072(1). A probable cause panel considering disciplinary
25 action against a physician assistant under s. 456.073 must
26 include a licensed physician assistant designated by the
27 Council on Physician Assistants unless a physician assistant
28 is not available. In determining what action is appropriate,
29 the board must first consider what sanctions are necessary to
30 protect the public or to compensate the patient. Only after
31 those sanctions have been imposed may the disciplining

1 authority consider and include in the order requirements
2 designed to rehabilitate the physician. All costs associated
3 with compliance with orders issued under this subsection are
4 the obligation of the physician.

5 Section 2. Paragraph (g) is added to subsection (4) of
6 section 458.347, Florida Statutes, to read:

7 458.347 Physician assistants.--

8 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.--

9 (g) The medical charts and records prepared by a
10 physician assistant who is under the supervision of a licensed
11 physician on the business premises do not require cosignature
12 by the licensed physician.

13 Section 3. Subsection (2) of section 459.015, Florida
14 Statutes, is amended to read:

15 459.015 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the
16 board and department.--

17 (2) The board may enter an order denying licensure or
18 imposing any of the penalties in s. 456.072(2) against any
19 applicant for licensure or licensee who is found guilty of
20 violating any provision of subsection (1) of this section or
21 who is found guilty of violating any provision of s.

22 456.072(1). A probable cause panel considering disciplinary
23 action against a physician assistant under s. 456.073 must
24 include a licensed physician assistant designated by the
25 Council on Physician Assistants unless a physician assistant
26 is not available. In determining what action is appropriate,

27 the board must first consider what sanctions are necessary to
28 protect the public or to compensate the patient. Only after
29 those sanctions have been imposed may the disciplining
30 authority consider and include in the order requirements
31 designed to rehabilitate the physician. All costs associated

1 with compliance with orders issued under this subsection are
2 the obligation of the physician.

3 Section 4. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (4) of
4 section 459.022, Florida Statutes, to read:

5 459.022 Physician assistants.--

6 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.--

7 (f) The medical charts and records prepared by a
8 physician assistant who is under the supervision of a licensed
9 physician on the business premises do not require cosignature
10 by the licensed physician.

11 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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