

By the Committee on Health Care; and Senator Saunders

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to physician assistants;
3 amending ss. 458.331 and 459.015, F.S.;
4 appointing a physician assistant to probable
5 cause panels of the Board of Medicine and the
6 Board of Osteopathic Medicine considering
7 discipline of physician assistants; providing
8 qualifications for the physician assistants
9 appointed to the panels; exempting the
10 appointed physician assistants from certain
11 training requirements concerning the grounds
12 for disciplinary action; providing an effective
13 date.

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

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17 Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section
18 458.331, Florida Statutes, to read:
19 458.331 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the
20 board and department.--

21 (10) A probable cause panel convened to consider
22 disciplinary action against a physician assistant alleged to
23 have violated s. 456.072 or this section must include one
24 physician assistant. The physician assistant must hold a valid
25 license to practice as a physician assistant in this state and
26 be appointed to the panel by the Council of Physician
27 Assistants. The physician assistant may hear only cases
28 involving disciplinary actions against a physician assistant.
29 If the appointed physician assistant is not present at the
30 disciplinary hearing, the panel may consider the matter and
31 vote on the case in the absence of the physician assistant.

1 The training requirements set forth in s. 458.307(4) do not
2 apply to the appointed physician assistant. Rules need not be
3 adopted to implement this subsection.

4 Section 2. Subsection (10) is added to section
5 459.015, Florida Statutes, to read:

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7 board and department.--

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20 apply to the appointed physician assistant. Rules need not be
21 adopted to implement this subsection.

22 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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24 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
25 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
26 Senate Bill 1690

27 The committee substitute revises requirements for the
28 appointment of a physician assistant to the probable cause
29 panel of the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic
30 under specified circumstances. The committee substitute
31 deletes provisions specifying that medical charts and records
prepared by a physician assistant who is under the supervision
of a Florida-licensed medical or osteopathic physician on the
business premises do not require cosignature by the licensed
physician.