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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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21 adopted to implement this subsection.

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