

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to health care; amending ss. 458.331 and 459.015, F.S.; requiring the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to establish by rule certain standards of practice and standards of care for physicians and osteopathic physicians who supervise licensed health care practitioners who are not under direct, onsite supervision by the supervising physician; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (dd) of subsection (1) of section 458.331, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):

(dd) Failing to supervise adequately the activities of those physician assistants, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners, or anesthesiologist assistants acting under the supervision of the physician. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the board shall establish by rule standards of practice and standards of care for physicians who supervise licensed health care practitioners who are not under direct, onsite supervision of the supervising physician. The standards established in the rules may vary depending on the specialty of the physician, the

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29 type of licensed health care practitioner under supervision, and
 30 the practice setting. The rules must include, but need not be
 31 limited to, the percentage of time the supervising physician
 32 spends directly supervising the licensed health care
 33 practitioners; standards for adequate supervision, including the
 34 distance of the licensed health care practitioner from the
 35 supervising physician; and the number of each type of licensed
 36 health care practitioner which a supervising physician may
 37 supervise.

38 Section 2. Paragraph (hh) of subsection (1) of section
 39 459.015, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

40 459.015 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the
 41 board and department.--

42 (1) The following acts constitute grounds for denial of a
 43 license or disciplinary action, as specified in s. 456.072(2):

44 (hh) Failing to supervise adequately the activities of
 45 those physician assistants, paramedics, emergency medical
 46 technicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners,
 47 anesthesiologist assistants, or other persons acting under the
 48 supervision of the osteopathic physician. Notwithstanding any
 49 other provision of this chapter, the board shall establish by
 50 rule standards of practice and standards of care for osteopathic
 51 physicians who supervise licensed health care practitioners who
 52 are not under direct, onsite supervision of the supervising
 53 osteopathic physician. The standards established in the rules
 54 may vary depending on the specialty of the physician, the type
 55 of licensed health care practitioner under supervision, and the
 56 practice setting. The rules must include, but need not be

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58 physician spends directly supervising the licensed health care
59 practitioners; standards for adequate supervision, including the
60 distance of the licensed health care practitioner from the
61 supervising osteopathic physician; and the number of each type
62 of licensed health care practitioner which a supervising
63 osteopathic physician may supervise.

64 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.