

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to physician assistants; amending ss. 458.331 and 459.015, F.S.; placing a physician assistant on probable cause panels of the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine considering discipline of physician assistants; amending ss. 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.; authorizing the preparation of certain medical charts and records without the cosignature of a licensed physician; providing an effective date.

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

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

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

(2) The board may enter an order denying licensure or imposing any of the penalties in s. 456.072(2) against any applicant for licensure or licensee who is found guilty of violating any provision of subsection (1) of this section or who is found guilty of violating any provision of s. 456.072(1). A probable cause panel considering disciplinary action against a physician assistant under s. 456.073 must include a licensed physician assistant designated by the Council on Physician Assistants unless a physician assistant is not available. In determining what action is appropriate, the board must first consider what sanctions are necessary to protect the public or to compensate the patient. Only after those sanctions have been

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29 imposed may the disciplining authority consider and include in
30 the order requirements designed to rehabilitate the physician.
31 All costs associated with compliance with orders issued under
32 this subsection are the obligation of the physician.

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

35 458.347 Physician assistants.--

36 (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.--

37 (g) The medical charts and records prepared by a physician
38 assistant who is under the supervision of a licensed physician
39 on the business premises do not require cosignature by the
40 licensed physician.

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

43 459.015 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the
44 board and department.--

45 (2) The board may enter an order denying licensure or
46 imposing any of the penalties in s. 456.072(2) against any
47 applicant for licensure or licensee who is found guilty of
48 violating any provision of subsection (1) of this section or who
49 is found guilty of violating any provision of s. 456.072(1). A
50 probable cause panel considering disciplinary action against a
51 physician assistant under s. 456.073 must include a licensed
52 physician assistant designated by the Council on Physician
53 Assistants unless a physician assistant is not available. In
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58 | the order requirements designed to rehabilitate the physician.
59 | All costs associated with compliance with orders issued under
60 | this subsection are the obligation of the physician.

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

63 | 459.022 Physician assistants.--

64 | (4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.--

65 | (f) The medical charts and records prepared by a physician
66 | assistant who is under the supervision of a licensed physician
67 | on the business premises do not require cosignature by the
68 | licensed physician.

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