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Senator Jones moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)

Delete lines 81 - 148

and insert:

(7) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE.—

(h) An application or other documentation required to be submitted to the department under this subsection may be submitted electronically.

Section 2. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section 459.022, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (g) is added to subsection (7) of that section, to read:

459.022 Physician assistants.—

(4) PERFORMANCE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—



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14 (e) A supervisory physician may delegate to a fully
15 licensed physician assistant the authority to prescribe or
16 dispense any medication used in the supervisory physician's
17 practice unless such medication is listed on the formulary
18 created pursuant to s. 458.347. A fully licensed physician
19 assistant may only prescribe or dispense such medication under
20 the following circumstances:

21 1. A physician assistant must clearly identify to the
22 patient that she or he is a physician assistant. Furthermore,
23 the physician assistant must inform the patient that the patient
24 has the right to see the physician prior to any prescription
25 being prescribed or dispensed by the physician assistant.

26 2. The supervisory physician must notify the department of
27 her or his intent to delegate, on a department-approved form,
28 before delegating such authority and notify the department of
29 any change in prescriptive privileges of the physician
30 assistant. Authority to dispense may be delegated only by a
31 supervisory physician who is registered as a dispensing
32 practitioner in compliance with s. 465.0276.

33 3. The physician assistant must file with the department,
34 before commencing to prescribe or dispense, evidence that she or
35 he has completed a continuing medical education course of at
36 least 3 classroom hours in prescriptive practice, conducted by
37 an accredited program approved by the boards, which course
38 covers the limitations, responsibilities, and privileges
39 involved in prescribing medicinal drugs, or evidence that she or
40 he has received education comparable to the continuing education
41 course as part of an accredited physician assistant training
42 program.



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43 ~~4. The physician assistant must file with the department,~~
44 ~~before commencing to prescribe or dispense, evidence that the~~
45 ~~physician assistant has a minimum of 3 months of clinical~~
46 ~~experience in the specialty area of the supervising physician.~~

47 ~~4.5.~~ The physician assistant must file with the department
48 a signed affidavit that she or he has completed a minimum of 10
49 continuing medical education hours in the specialty practice in
50 which the physician assistant has prescriptive privileges with
51 each licensure renewal application.

52 ~~5.6.~~ The department shall issue a license and a prescriber
53 number to the physician assistant granting authority for the
54 prescribing of medicinal drugs authorized within this paragraph
55 upon completion of the foregoing requirements. The physician
56 assistant shall not be required to independently register
57 pursuant to s. 465.0276.

58 ~~6.7.~~ The prescription must be written in a form that
59 complies with chapter 499 and must contain, in addition to the
60 supervisory physician's name, address, and telephone number, the
61 physician assistant's prescriber number. Unless it is a drug or
62 drug sample dispensed by the physician assistant, the
63 prescription must be filled in a pharmacy permitted under
64 chapter 465, and must be dispensed in that pharmacy by a
65 pharmacist licensed under chapter 465. The appearance of the
66 prescriber number creates a presumption that the physician
67 assistant is authorized to prescribe the medicinal drug and the
68 prescription is valid.

69 ~~7.8.~~ The physician assistant must note the prescription or
70 dispensing of medication in the appropriate medical record.

71 ~~8.9.~~ This paragraph does not prohibit a supervisory



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72 physician from delegating to a physician assistant the authority
73 to order medication for a hospitalized patient of the
74 supervisory physician.

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76 This paragraph does not apply to facilities licensed pursuant to
77 chapter 395.

78 (7) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE.-

79 (g) An applicant or other documentation required to be
80 submitted to the department under this subsection may be
81 submitted electronically.

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84 ===== D I R E C T O R Y C L A U S E A M E N D M E N T =====

85 And the directory clause is amended as follows:

86 Delete lines 13 - 14
87 and insert:

88 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
89 458.347, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is
90 added to subsection (7) of that section, to read:

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93 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

94 And the title is amended as follows:

95 Delete lines 4 - 7
96 and insert:

97 physician assistants file evidence of certain clinical
98 experience before prescribing or dispensing
99 medication; authorizing the electronic submission of
100 physician assistant license applications and other



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required documentation; amending ss. 458.348 and
459.025, F.S.;