

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to the Council on Physician  
 3           Assistants; amending ss. 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.;  
 4           revising requirements relating to the Council on  
 5           Physician Assistants membership; conforming provisions  
 6           to changes made by the act; providing an effective  
 7           date.

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

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 11           Section 1. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (9) of  
 12           section 458.347, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

13           458.347 Physician assistants.—

14           (9) COUNCIL ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—The Council on  
 15           Physician Assistants is created within the department.

16           (a) The council shall consist of five members appointed as  
 17           follows:

18           1. The chairperson of the Board of Medicine shall appoint  
 19           one member ~~three members~~ who is a physician and member ~~are~~  
 20           ~~physicians and members~~ of the Board of Medicine who supervises.  
 21           ~~One of the physicians must supervise~~ a physician assistant in  
 22           the physician's practice.

23           2. The chairperson of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
 24           shall appoint one member who is a physician and ~~a~~ member of the  
 25           Board of Osteopathic Medicine who supervises a physician

26 | assistant in the physician's practice.

27 |         3. The State Surgeon General or his or her designee shall  
28 | appoint three ~~a~~ fully licensed physician assistants ~~assistant~~  
29 | licensed under this chapter or chapter 459.

30 |         (b) ~~Two of the members appointed to the council must be~~  
31 | ~~physicians who supervise physician assistants in their practice.~~

32 | Members shall be appointed to terms of 4 years, except that of  
33 | the initial appointments, two members shall be appointed to  
34 | terms of 2 years, two members shall be appointed to terms of 3  
35 | years, and one member shall be appointed to a term of 4 years,  
36 | as established by rule of the boards. Council members may not  
37 | serve more than two consecutive terms. The council shall  
38 | annually elect a chairperson from among its members.

39 |         Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (9) of  
40 | section 459.022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

41 |         459.022 Physician assistants.—

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43 | Physician Assistants is created within the department.

44 |         (a) The council shall consist of five members appointed as  
45 | follows:

46 |         1. The chairperson of the Board of Medicine shall appoint  
47 | one member ~~three members~~ who is a physician and member ~~are~~  
48 | ~~physicians and members~~ of the Board of Medicine who supervises—  
49 | ~~One of the physicians must supervise~~ a physician assistant in  
50 | the physician's practice.

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52 shall appoint one member who is a physician and ~~a~~ member of the  
53 Board of Osteopathic Medicine who supervises a physician  
54 assistant in the physician's practice.

55           3. The State Surgeon General or her or his designee shall  
56 appoint three ~~a~~ fully licensed physician assistants ~~assistant~~  
57 licensed under chapter 458 or this chapter.

58           (b) ~~Two of the members appointed to the council must be~~  
59 ~~physicians who supervise physician assistants in their practice.~~  
60 Members shall be appointed to terms of 4 years, except that of  
61 the initial appointments, two members shall be appointed to  
62 terms of 2 years, two members shall be appointed to terms of 3  
63 years, and one member shall be appointed to a term of 4 years,  
64 as established by rule of the boards. Council members may not  
65 serve more than two consecutive terms. The council shall  
66 annually elect a chairperson from among its members.

67           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.