

By the Committee on Health Policy; and Senator Harrell

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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 six ~~five~~ members appointed  
17       as follows:

18       1. The chairperson of the Board of Medicine shall appoint  
19       two ~~three~~ members who are physicians and members of the Board of  
20       Medicine. At least one of the physicians must supervise a  
21       physician assistant in the physician's practice.

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

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

28       (b) At least two of the members appointed to the council  
29       must be physicians who supervise physician assistants in their

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30 practice. Members shall be appointed to terms of 4 years, ~~except~~  
31 ~~that of the initial appointments, two members shall be appointed~~  
32 ~~to terms of 2 years, two members shall be appointed to terms of~~  
33 ~~3 years, and one member shall be appointed to a term of 4 years,~~  
34 ~~as established by rule of the boards.~~ Council members may not  
35 serve more than two consecutive terms. The council shall  
36 annually elect a chairperson from among its members. For any  
37 given year, if the election of a chairperson ends in a tie vote,  
38 the State Surgeon General shall select the chairperson from  
39 among the council members.

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

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56 licensed under chapter 458 or this chapter.

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