

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1576 Session of
1994

INTRODUCED BY PETERSON, ROBBINS, HECKLER, GREENLEAF, BRIGHTBILL,
MUSTO AND O'PAKE, FEBRUARY 11, 1994

REFERRED TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELFARE, FEBRUARY 11, 1994

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; providing penalties;
9 and making repeals," providing for graduate physician
10 assistant.

11 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
12 hereby enacts as follows:

13 Section 1. The act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
14 known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, is amended by adding
15 a section to read:

16 Section 13.2. Graduate physician assistant.

17 (a) Practice.--Graduates of a physician assistant program
18 recognized by the board may register with the board and practice
19 only under direct supervision of a physician until certified by
20 a process recognized by the board.

21 (b) Use of title.--The title "graduate physician assistant,"

1 or the abbreviation "GPA" shall be used until certification is
2 obtained. Practice under this designation shall be limited to 24
3 months.

4 (c) Drugs.--A graduate physician assistant shall not be
5 permitted to prescribe or dispense drugs at the direction of a
6 physician until certification has been completed.

7 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.