

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WASHINGTON, G. WRIGHT AND SCAVELLO, SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,
SEPTEMBER 26, 2002

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," further providing for physician
10 assistants.

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

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

16 Section 13. Physician assistants.

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18 (e) Written agreement.--A physician assistant shall not
19 provide a medical service without a written agreement with one
20 or more physicians which provides for all of the following:

1 (1) Identifies and is signed by each physician the
2 physician assistant will be assisting.

3 (2) Describes the manner in which the physician
4 assistant will be assisting each named physician.

5 (3) Describes the nature and degree of supervision and
6 direction each named physician will provide the physician
7 assistant.

8 (4) Designates one of the named physicians as having the
9 primary responsibility for supervising and directing the
10 physician assistant.

11 (5) Has been approved by the board as satisfying the
12 foregoing and as consistent with the restrictions contained
13 in or authorized by this section.

14 A physician assistant shall not assist a physician in a manner
15 not described in the agreement or without the nature and degree
16 of supervision and direction described in the agreement. The
17 physician designated as having primary responsibility for the
18 physician assistant shall not have primary responsibility for
19 more than two full-time equivalent physician assistants.

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