

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 870

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1 Amend Bill, page 1, line 9, by inserting after "for"
2 definitions, for

3 Amend Bill, page 1, lines 13 through 15, by striking out all
4 of said lines and inserting

5 Section 1. The definition of "primary supervising physician"
6 in section 2 of the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),
7 known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, added July 2, 2019
8 (P.L.413, No.68), is amended to read:

9 Section 2. Definitions.

10 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
11 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
12 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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14 "Primary supervising physician." A medical doctor who is
15 registered with the board and designated in a written agreement
16 with a physician assistant under section 13(e) as having primary
17 responsibility for [directing and personally] supervising the
18 physician assistant.

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20 Section 1.1. Section 3 (a) and (b) of the act are amended to
21 read:

22 Amend Bill, page 1, line 21, by striking out "eight" and
23 inserting

24 nine

25 Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by inserting a bracket before
26 "six"

27 Amend Bill, page 2, line 1, by inserting after "six"

28] seven

29 Amend Bill, page 2, line 29, by striking out "13(d)" and
30 inserting

1 13(a), (d)

2 Amend Bill, page 2, line 30, by inserting after "amended"

3 and the section is amended by adding a subsection

4 Amend Bill, page 3, by inserting between lines 1 and 2

5 (a) Authorized services.--A physician assistant may perform
6 a medical service delegated by [an approved physician and as
7 approved by the appropriate board. An approved physician is] a
8 physician identified in the written agreement required by
9 subsection (e).

10 Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by striking out the bracket

11 before "A"

12 Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by inserting a bracket before

13 "not"

14 Amend Bill, page 3, line 3, by inserting a bracket after

15 "not"

16 Amend Bill, page 3, line 4, by inserting a bracket before

17 "without"

18 Amend Bill, page 3, line 8, by inserting after "Commonwealth"

19 subject to the provisions of subsections (d.2) and (e)

20 Amend Bill, page 3, line 10, by inserting after "The"

21 primary supervising

22 Amend Bill, page 3, line 10, by inserting a bracket before

23 "approved"

24 Amend Bill, page 3, line 10, by inserting a bracket after

25 "approved"

26 Amend Bill, page 3, line 15, by inserting a bracket before

27 "practice"

28 Amend Bill, page 3, line 17, by inserting after "36(c)"

29] employment outlined under the written agreement

30 Amend Bill, page 3, line 18, by inserting a bracket before

1 "12"

2 Amend Bill, page 3, line 18, by inserting after "12"

3] six

4 Amend Bill, page 3, line 21, by inserting a bracket before

5 "(iii)"

6 Amend Bill, page 4, lines 7 through 10, by striking out "The

7 supervising physician shall be responsible for" in line 7 and

8 all of lines 8 through 10 and inserting

9 (d.2) Supervision.--The following apply:

10 (1) The primary supervising physician shall be
11 responsible for the medical services that a physician
12 assistant renders.

13 (2) A physician assistant subject to subsection (d.1)
14 shall not be eligible to perform a medical service without
15 the supervision of an approved physician.

16 (3) The primary supervising physician may require
17 personal review of a selected number of patient records
18 completed by the physician assistant in order to maintain the
19 supervisory role outlined in the written agreement.

20 Amend Bill, page 4, by inserting between lines 17 and 18

21 (1.1) Identifies and is signed by an alternative
22 supervising physician in order to maintain the continuity of
23 care if the primary supervising physician cannot fulfill the
24 responsibilities. If the alternative supervising physician
25 becomes the primary supervising physician, the physician,
26 physician assistant or their designee has 30 days to make the
27 board aware of the change.

28 Amend Bill, page 5, line 7, by inserting after "the"

29 primary

30 Amend Bill, page 5, line 9, by inserting a bracket before

31 "(4)"

32 Amend Bill, page 5, line 9, by striking out the bracket

33 before "of"

34 Amend Bill, page 5, line 9, by striking out "] physician"

35 Amend Bill, page 5, line 10, by striking out the bracket

1 before "and"

2 Amend Bill, page 5, line 11, by striking out the bracket
3 after "directing"

4 Amend Bill, page 5, line 12, by striking out the bracket
5 before "(5)"

6 Amend Bill, page 6, lines 3 through 6, by striking out all of
7 said lines and inserting

8 (5.1) Is filed with the board by the primary supervising
9 physician, the physician assistant or a delegate of the
10 primary supervising physician and physician assistant and a
11 copy maintained by the primary supervising physician at the
12 practice or health care facility and the physician assistant.
13 It shall not be a defense in any administrative or civil
14 action that the physician assistant acted outside the scope
15 of the practice or that the primary supervising physician
16 utilized the physician assistant outside the scope of
17 practice because the primary supervising physician or
18 physician assistant permitted another person to represent to
19 the board that the description had been approved by the
20 primary supervising physician or physician assistant. A
21 written agreement goes into effect once it is filed with the
22 board.

23 Amend Bill, page 6, line 21, by inserting after "the"
24 written

25 Amend Bill, page 6, lines 22 and 23, by striking out all of
26 said lines and inserting

27 primary supervising physician may supervise up to seven
28 physician assistants at any one time.