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THOMAS, WILT, YOUNGBLOOD AND PAYNE, NOVEMBER 9, 2004

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
NOVEMBER 9, 2004

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), entitled  
2 "An act requiring the licensing of practitioners of  
3 osteopathic medicine and surgery; regulating their practice;  
4 providing for certain funds and penalties for violations and  
5 repeals," further providing for physician assistant  
6 supervision.

7 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
8 hereby enacts as follows:

9 Section 1. Section 10(g) of the act of October 5, 1978  
10 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice  
11 Act, is amended to read:

12 Section 10. Licenses; exemptions; nonresident practitioners;  
13 graduate students; biennial registration and  
14 continuing medical education.

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16 (g) (1) The supervising physician shall file with the board  
17 an application to utilize a physician assistant containing a  
18 description of the manner in which the physician assistant

1 will assist the supervising physician in his practice, the  
2 method and frequency of supervision and the geographic  
3 location of the physician assistant. [In no instance may a  
4 physician supervise more than two physician assistants at any  
5 time.]

6 (2) Except as provided in this subsection, a physician  
7 may not supervise more than two physician assistants at one  
8 time. A physician may make written application to the board  
9 to supervise up to four physician assistants if a hardship to  
10 patients in terms of access to health care would result from  
11 limiting the number of physician assistants to two. The board  
12 may allow a physician to supervise up to four physician  
13 assistants for a period of not more than a total of 180 days.  
14 The board shall notify the physician of its decision in  
15 writing by registered mail. Within two years of the effective  
16 date of this paragraph, the board shall promulgate  
17 regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this  
18 paragraph.

19 (3) In cases where a group of physicians will supervise  
20 a physician assistant, the names of all supervisory  
21 physicians shall be included on the application.

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