

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

**HOUSE BILL**  
**No. 1251** Session of  
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, MAY 8, 2007

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:

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

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

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

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

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

12 A physician assistant shall not assist a physician in a manner  
13 not described in the agreement or without the nature and degree  
14 of supervision and direction described in the agreement. [The  
15 physician designated as having primary responsibility for the  
16 physician assistant shall not have primary responsibility for  
17 more than two physician assistants.] There shall be no limit to  
18 the number of physician assistants for whom a physician has  
19 responsibility or supervises under a collaborative or written  
20 agreement.

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22       Section 2. The State Board of Medicine shall promulgate  
23 regulations to implement the amendment of section 13(e) of the  
24 act within 18 months of the effective date of this act.

25       Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.