
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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SENATOR TOMLINSON, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PROFESSIONAL
LICENSURE, IN SENATE, AS AMENDED, JUNE 30, 2007

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 assistants.

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

8 Section 1. Section 10(g) of the act of October 5, 1978
9 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the Osteopathic Medical Practice
10 Act, is amended and the section is amended by adding a
11 subsection 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) The supervising physician shall file with the board an
17 application to utilize a physician assistant containing a
18 description of the manner in which the physician assistant will

1 assist the supervising physician in his practice, the method and
2 frequency of supervision and the geographic location of the
3 physician assistant. [In no instance may a physician supervise
4 more than two physician assistants at any time.] There shall be
5 no more than four physician assistants for whom a physician has
6 responsibility or supervises pursuant to a written agreement at
7 any time. In ~~medical care facilities a physician assistant may~~ <—
8 HEALTH CARE FACILITIES LICENSED UNDER THE ACT OF JULY 19, 1979 <—
9 (P.L.130, NO.48), KNOWN AS THE "HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ACT," A
10 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SHALL be under the supervision and direction
11 of a physician or physician group pursuant to a written
12 agreement, provided that a physician supervises no more than
13 four physician assistants at any time. A physician may apply for
14 a waiver TO EMPLOY MORE THAN FOUR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AT ANY <—
15 TIME under this section for good cause, as determined by the
16 board. In cases where a group of physicians will supervise a
17 physician assistant, the names of all supervisory physicians
18 shall be included on the application.

19 (g.1) In ~~medical care facilities~~ HEALTH CARE FACILITIES <—
20 LICENSED UNDER THE "HEALTH CARE FACILITIES ACT," the attending
21 physician of record for a particular patient shall act as the
22 primary supervising physician for the physician assistant while
23 that patient is under the care of the attending physician.

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25 Section 2. The State Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall
26 promulgate regulations to implement the amendment or addition of
27 section 10(g) and (g.1) of the act within 18 months of the
28 effective date of this act.

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