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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 1252 Session of  
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SENATOR ARMSTRONG, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS  
AMENDED, JULY 10, 2007

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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 OR SUPERVISE MORE THAN FOUR PHYSICIAN <—  
15 ASSISTANTS AT ANY TIME under this section for good cause, as  
16 determined by the board. In cases where a group of physicians  
17 will supervise a physician assistant, the names of all  
18 supervisory physicians 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.