

## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2021 and 2022 SB1537

Introduced 2/26/2021, by Sen. Antonio Muñoz

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 95/12.5 new

Amends the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987. Adds provision requiring that applicants for licensure as a physician assistant shall submit their fingerprints for the purpose of criminal history records background checks.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 is amended by adding Section 12.5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 95/12.5 new)

Sec. 12.5. Criminal history records background check. Each applicant for licensure under Section 12 shall have his or her fingerprints submitted to the Illinois State Police in an electronic format that complies with the form and manner for requesting and furnishing criminal history record information as prescribed by the Illinois State Police. These fingerprints shall be transmitted through a live scan fingerprint vendor licensed by the Department. These fingerprints shall be checked against the Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal history record databases now and hereafter filed. The Illinois State Police shall charge applicants a fee for conducting the criminal history records check, which shall be deposited into the State Police Services Fund and shall not exceed the actual cost of the records check. The Illinois State Police shall furnish, pursuant to positive identification, records of Illinois convictions to the Department. The Department may require applicants to pay a

- 1 separate fingerprinting fee, either to the Department or to a
- vendor designated or approved by the Department.