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AN ACT concerning professional regulation.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, 3 represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 is
amended by changing Section 7 as follows:

(Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)

6 (225 ILCS 95/7) (from Ch. 111, par. 4607)

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Sec. 7. Supervision requirements.

9 (a) No more than 2 physician assistants shall be supervised by the supervising physician, although a physician assistant 10 shall be able to hold more than one professional position. Each 11 supervising physician shall file a notice of supervision of 12 13 such physician assistant according to the rules of the 14 Department. However, the alternate supervising physician may supervise more than 2 physician assistants when the supervising 15 16 physician is unable to provide such supervision consistent with 17 the definition of alternate physician in Section 4. It is the responsibility of the supervising physician to maintain 18 19 documentation each time he or she has designated an alternative 20 supervising physician. This documentation shall include the 21 date alternate supervisory control began, the date alternate 22 supervisory control ended, and any other changes. A supervising physician shall provide a copy of this documentation to the 23

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1 Department, upon request.

2 Physician assistants shall be supervised only by 3 physicians as defined in this Act who are engaged in clinical 4 practice, or in clinical practice in public health or other 5 community health facilities.

6 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the 7 delegation of tasks or duties by a physician to a nurse or 8 other appropriately trained personnel.

9 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to prohibit the 10 employment of physician assistants by a hospital, nursing home 11 or other health care facility where such physician assistants 12 function under the supervision of a supervising physician.

13 Physician assistants may be employed by the Department of Corrections or the Department of Human Services (as successor 14 Department of 15 to the Mental Health and Developmental 16 Disabilities) for service in facilities maintained by such 17 Departments and affiliated training facilities in programs conducted under the authority of the Director of Corrections or 18 the Secretary of Human Services. Each physician assistant 19 20 employed by the Department of Corrections or the Department of 21 Human Services (as successor to the Department of Mental Health 22 and Developmental Disabilities) shall be under the supervision 23 of a physician engaged in clinical practice and direct patient care. Duties of each physician assistant employed by such 24 25 Departments are limited to those within the scope of practice of the supervising physician who is fully responsible for all 26

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1 physician assistant activities.

2 A physician assistant may be employed by a practice group or other entity employing multiple physicians at one or more 3 4 locations. In that case, one of the physicians practicing at a 5 location shall be designated the supervising physician. The 6 other physicians with that practice group or other entity who 7 practice in the same general type of practice or specialty as 8 supervising physician may supervise the physician the 9 assistant with respect to their patients without being deemed 10 alternate supervising physicians for the purpose of this Act.

11 (b) A physician assistant licensed in this State, or 12 licensed or authorized to practice in any other U.S. 13 jurisdiction or credentialed by his or her federal employer as a physician assistant, who is responding to a need for medical 14 15 care created by an emergency or by a state or local disaster 16 may render such care that the physician assistant is able to 17 provide without supervision as it is defined in this Section or with such supervision as is available. For purposes of this 18 19 Section, an "emergency situation" shall not include one that 20 occurs in the place of one's employment.

21 <u>Any physician who supervises a physician assistant</u> 22 providing medical care in response to such an emergency or 23 <u>state or local disaster shall not be required to meet the</u> 24 <u>requirements set forth in this Section for a supervising</u> 25 physician.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-703, eff. 12-31-07.)

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