

SB3175



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 95/4

from Ch. 111, par. 4604

Amends the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987. Changes the definition of "physician" to include a person licensed under the Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

4 Section 5. The Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 is
5 amended by changing Section 4 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 95/4) (from Ch. 111, par. 4604)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)

8 Sec. 4. In this Act:

9 1. "Department" means the Department of Financial and
10 Professional Regulation.

11 2. "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
12 Professional Regulation.

13 3. "Physician assistant" means any person who has been
14 certified as a physician assistant by the National Commission
15 on the Certification of Physician Assistants or equivalent
16 successor agency and performs procedures under the supervision
17 of a physician as defined in this Act. A physician assistant
18 may perform such procedures within the specialty of the
19 supervising physician, except that such physician shall
20 exercise such direction, supervision and control over such
21 physician assistants as will assure that patients shall receive
22 quality medical care. Physician assistants shall be capable of
23 performing a variety of tasks within the specialty of medical

1 care under the supervision of a physician. Supervision of the
2 physician assistant shall not be construed to necessarily
3 require the personal presence of the supervising physician at
4 all times at the place where services are rendered, as long as
5 there is communication available for consultation by radio,
6 telephone or telecommunications within established guidelines
7 as determined by the physician/physician assistant team. The
8 supervising physician may delegate tasks and duties to the
9 physician assistant. Delegated tasks or duties shall be
10 consistent with physician assistant education, training, and
11 experience. The delegated tasks or duties shall be specific to
12 the practice setting and shall be implemented and reviewed
13 under a written supervision agreement established by the
14 physician or physician/physician assistant team. A physician
15 assistant, acting as an agent of the physician, shall be
16 permitted to transmit the supervising physician's orders as
17 determined by the institution's by-laws, policies, procedures,
18 or job description within which the physician/physician
19 assistant team practices. Physician assistants shall practice
20 only in accordance with a written supervision agreement.

21 4. "Board" means the Medical Licensing Board constituted
22 under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

23 5. "Disciplinary Board" means the Medical Disciplinary
24 Board constituted under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

25 6. "Physician" means, for purposes of this Act, a person
26 licensed to practice medicine in all its branches under the

1 Medical Practice Act of 1987 or a person licensed under the
2 Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987.

3 7. "Supervising Physician" means, for the purposes of this
4 Act, the primary supervising physician of a physician
5 assistant, who, within his specialty and expertise may delegate
6 a variety of tasks and procedures to the physician assistant.
7 Such tasks and procedures shall be delegated in accordance with
8 a written supervision agreement. The supervising physician
9 maintains the final responsibility for the care of the patient
10 and the performance of the physician assistant.

11 8. "Alternate supervising physician" means, for the
12 purpose of this Act, any physician designated by the
13 supervising physician to provide supervision in the event that
14 he or she is unable to provide that supervision. The Department
15 may further define "alternate supervising physician" by rule.

16 The alternate supervising physicians shall maintain all
17 the same responsibilities as the supervising physician.
18 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as relieving any
19 physician of the professional or legal responsibility for the
20 care and treatment of persons attended by him or by physician
21 assistants under his supervision. Nothing in this Act shall be
22 construed as to limit the reasonable number of alternate
23 supervising physicians, provided they are designated by the
24 supervising physician.

25 9. "Address of record" means the designated address
26 recorded by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's

1 application file or license file maintained by the Department's
2 licensure maintenance unit. It is the duty of the applicant or
3 licensee to inform the Department of any change of address, and
4 such changes must be made either through the Department's
5 website or by contacting the Department's licensure
6 maintenance unit.

7 (Source: P.A. 96-268, eff. 8-11-09; 97-1071, eff. 8-24-12.)