Bill No. HB 1307

(2017)

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMM:	ITTEE ACTION
ADOPTED	(Y/N)
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Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Health Quality

Subcommittee

Representative Plasencia offered the following:

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## Amendment (with title amendment)

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Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:

Section 1. Paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) of subsection

(2) are redesignated as paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), and new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, and paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (7) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (9) of section 458.347, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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458.347 Physician assistants.-

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(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

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(d) "Designated supervising physician" means a physician designated by a facility or practice to be the primary contact

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- (7) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE.
- (b) The license must be renewed biennially. Each renewal must include:
  - 1. A renewal fee not to exceed \$500 as set by the boards.
- 2. Acknowledgment of no felony convictions in the previous 2 years.
- 3. Completion of a physician assistant workforce survey which shall be administered in the same manner and have the same content as the physician workforce survey required under s. 458.3191.
- a. The department shall issue a nondisciplinary citation to a physician assistant licensed under this chapter or chapter 458 who fails to complete the physician assistant workforce survey within 90 days after the renewal of his or her license.
- b. The citation must notify a physician assistant who fails to complete the physician assistant workforce survey that his or her license is not eligible for any subsequent license renewal until he or she completes such survey.
- c. In conjunction with issuance of the license renewal notice required by s. 456.038, the department shall notify each physician assistant who has failed to complete the physician assistant workforce survey at his or her last known address of

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 record with the department of the requirement that the physician assistant workforce survey be completed prior to subsequent license renewal. The department may not subsequently renew the license of a physician assistant until he or she completes the survey required under this paragraph.

- d. Beginning July 1, 2018, and every two years thereafter, the department must report the data collected to the boards.
- e. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss.120.536(1) and 120.54 necessary to implement this subparagraph.
- (d) 1. Upon employment as a physician assistant, a licensed physician assistant must notify the department in writing within 30 days after such employment that provides or after any subsequent changes in the supervising physician. The notification must include the full name, Florida medical license number, specialty, and address of supervising physician or a designated the supervising physician. A physician assistant shall report any subsequent changes in the supervising physician or designated supervising physician to the department within 30 days after the change. The assignment of a designated supervising physician does not preclude a physician assistant from practicing under the supervision of a physician other than the designated supervising physician.
- 2. The designated supervising physician shall maintain a list of all approved supervising physicians at the facility or practice, including each physician's name and area of practice,

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and shall update the list as needed. The designated supervising physician shall provide the list to the department in a timely manner upon written request.

- (9) COUNCIL ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—The Council on Physician Assistants is created within the department.
- (a) <u>Beginning October 1, 2017,</u> the council shall consist of five members appointed as follows:
- 1. The chairperson of the Board of Medicine shall appoint one member three members who is a physician are physicians and a member members of the Board of Medicine. One of The physician appointed by the Board of Medicine physicians must supervise a physician assistant in the physician's practice.
- 2. The chairperson of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine shall appoint one member who is a physician and a member of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine. The physician appointed by the Board of Osteopathic Medicine must supervise a physician assistant in the physician's practice.
- 3. The State Surgeon General or his or her designee shall appoint three a fully licensed physician assistants assistant licensed under this chapter or chapter 459.
- (b) Two of the members appointed to the council must be physicians who supervise physician assistants in their practice. Members shall be appointed to terms of 4 years, except that of the initial appointments, two members shall be appointed to terms of 3 years, two members shall be appointed to terms of 3

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Section 2. Paragraphs (d), (e), (f), (g), and (h) of subsection (2) are redesignated as paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h), and (i), and new paragraph (c) is added to that subsection, and paragraphs (b) and (d) of subsection (7) and paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (9) of section 459.022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

459.022 Physician assistants.-

- DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:
- "Designated supervising physician" means a physician designated by a facility or practice to be the primary contact and supervising physician for the physician assistants in a practice in which physician assistants are supervised by multiple physicians.
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- c. In conjunction with issuance of the license renewal notice required by s. 456.038, the department shall notify each physician assistant who has failed to complete the physician assistant workforce survey at his or her last known address of record with the department of the requirement that the physician assistant workforce survey be completed prior to subsequent license renewal. The department may not subsequently renew the license of a physician assistant until he or she completes the survey required under this paragraph.
- d. Beginning July 1, 2018, and every two years thereafter, the department must report the data collected to the boards.
- d. The department shall adopt rules pursuant to ss.
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- 3. The State Surgeon General or her or his designee shall appoint three a fully licensed physician assistants assistant licensed under chapter 458 or this chapter.
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Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017

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## TITLE AMENDMENT

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## COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENT Bill No. HB 1307 (2017)

Amendment No.

An act a relating to physician assistants; amending ss. 458.347
and 459.022, F.S.; defining designated supervising physician;
revising licensure renewal requirements to include a physician
assistant workforce survey; requiring the Department of Health
to issue a nondisciplinary citation to a physician assistant who
fails to complete a survey; requiring rulemaking; requiring a
report; providing requirements related to designated supervising
physicians; revising the membership of the Council on Physician
Assistants as of a specified date; providing an effective date.

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