

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2023 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Health Policy

CS/HB 1133 — Physician Assistant Licensure

by Healthcare Regulation Subcommittee and Rep. Rizo and others (CS/SB 454 by Health Policy Committee and Senator Avila)

The bill amends ss. 458.347 and 459.022, F.S., to revise the eligibility requirements for physician assistants (PAs) seeking licensure. The bill changes the requirement for graduation from an approved program to a requirement to have “completed” or “matriculated,” as applicable. The bill authorizes the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine to grant a license to a PA applicant who does not meet the educational requirements for licensure but has passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying Examination.

These changes reinstate the licensure eligibility for PAs who graduated from accredited PA programs with a bachelor’s degree who were negatively impacted by the Legislature’s 2021 revisions to the PA licensure statutes.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor’s signature, these provisions take effect upon becoming law.

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 113-0