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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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House

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The Committee on Health Policy (Berman) recommended the following:

**Senate Amendment**

Delete lines 30 - 57

and insert:

4. The membership of the council must reflect the ethnic and gender diversity of this state.

~~(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



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11 terms of 2 years, two members shall be appointed to terms of 3  
12 years, and one member shall be appointed to a term of 4 years,  
13 as established by rule of the boards. Council members may not  
14 serve more than two consecutive terms. The council shall  
15 annually elect a chairperson from among its members.

16 Section 2. Paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (9) of  
17 section 459.022, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

18 459.022 Physician assistants.—

19 (9) COUNCIL ON PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.—The Council on  
20 Physician Assistants is created within the department.

21 (a) The council shall consist of five members appointed as  
22 follows:

23 1. The chairperson of the Board of Medicine shall appoint  
24 one member ~~three members~~ who is a physician and member ~~are~~  
25 ~~physicians and members~~ of the Board of Medicine who supervises.  
26 ~~One of the physicians must supervise~~ a physician assistant in  
27 the physician's practice.

28 2. The chairperson of the Board of Osteopathic Medicine  
29 shall appoint one member who is a physician and ~~a~~ member of the  
30 Board of Osteopathic Medicine who supervises a physician  
31 assistant in the physician's practice.

32 3. The State Surgeon General or her or his designee shall  
33 appoint three ~~a~~ fully licensed physician assistants ~~assistant~~  
34 licensed under chapter 458 or this chapter.

35 4. The membership of the council must reflect the ethnic  
36 and gender diversity of this state.