



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 5477**

February Session, 2006

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Subdivision (7) of section 20-12a of the general statutes is  
2       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3       *October 1, 2006*):

4       (7) "Supervision" means the exercise by the supervising physician of  
5       oversight, control and direction of the services of a physician assistant.  
6       Supervision includes but is not limited to: (A) Continuous availability  
7       of direct communication either in person or by radio, telephone or  
8       telecommunications between the physician assistant and the  
9       supervising physician; (B) active and continuing overview of the  
10      physician assistant's activities to ensure that the supervising  
11      physician's directions are being implemented and to support the  
12      physician assistant in the performance of his services; (C) personal  
13      review by the supervising physician of the physician assistant's  
14      practice through a face-to-face meeting with the physician's assistant at  
15      least weekly or more frequently as necessary to ensure quality patient  
16      care; (D) review of the charts and records of the physician assistant on  
17      a regular basis as necessary to ensure quality patient care and written  
18      documentation of such review by the supervising physician; (E)  
19      delineation of a predetermined plan for emergency situations; and (F)

20 designation of an alternate licensed physician in the absence of the  
21 supervising physician.

22 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 20-12c of the 2006 supplement to the  
23 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
24 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

25 (b) A physician may function as a supervising physician for as many  
26 physician assistants as is medically appropriate under the  
27 circumstances, provided (1) the supervision is active and direct, [and  
28 at the specific location in which the physician assistant is practicing,]  
29 and (2) the physician is supervising not more than six full-time  
30 physician assistants concurrently, or the part-time equivalent thereof.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	20-12a(7)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2006</i>	20-12c(b)

**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*