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

1 Strike lines 1 to 30, inclusive, in their entirety and insert the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

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4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  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

6 (7) (A) "Supervision" in hospital settings means the exercise by the  
7 supervising physician of oversight, control and direction of the  
8 services of a physician assistant. Supervision includes but is not  
9 limited to: [(A)] (i) Continuous availability of direct communication  
10 either in person or by radio, telephone or telecommunications between  
11 the physician assistant and the supervising physician; [(B)] (ii) active  
12 and continuing overview of the physician assistant's activities to  
13 ensure that the supervising physician's directions are being  
14 implemented and to support the physician assistant in the

15 performance of his or her services; [(C)] (iii) personal review by the  
16 supervising physician of the physician assistant's practice at least  
17 weekly or more frequently as necessary to ensure quality patient care;  
18 [(D)] (iv) review of the charts and records of the physician assistant on  
19 a regular basis as necessary to ensure quality patient care; [(E)] (v)  
20 delineation of a predetermined plan for emergency situations; and [(F)]  
21 (vi) designation of an alternate licensed physician registered with the  
22 department pursuant to section 20-12c, as amended by this act, in the  
23 absence of the supervising physician.

24 (B) "Supervision" in settings other than hospital settings means the  
25 exercise by the supervising physician of oversight, control and  
26 direction of the services of a physician assistant. Supervision includes,  
27 but is not limited to: (i) Continuous availability of direct  
28 communication either in person or by radio, telephone or  
29 telecommunications between the physician assistant and the  
30 supervising physician; (ii) active and continuing overview of the  
31 physician assistant's activities to ensure that the supervising  
32 physician's directions are being implemented and to support the  
33 physician assistant in the performance of his or her services; (iii)  
34 personal review by the supervising physician of the physician  
35 assistant's services through a face-to-face meeting with the physician  
36 assistant, at least weekly or more frequently as necessary to ensure  
37 quality patient care, at a facility or practice location where the  
38 physician assistant or supervising physician performs services; (iv)  
39 review of the charts and records of the physician assistant on a regular  
40 basis as necessary to ensure quality patient care and written  
41 documentation by the supervising physician of such review at the  
42 facility or practice location where the physician assistant or  
43 supervising physician performs services; (v) delineation of a  
44 predetermined plan for emergency situations; and (vi) designation of  
45 an alternate licensed physician registered with the department  
46 pursuant to section 20-12c, as amended by this act, in the absence of  
47 the supervising physician.

48 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 20-12c of the 2006 supplement to the

49 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
50 thereof (*Effective October 1, 2006*):

51 (b) A physician may function as a supervising physician for as many  
52 physician assistants as is medically appropriate under the  
53 circumstances, provided (1) the supervision is active and direct, [and  
54 at the specific location in which the physician assistant is practicing,]  
55 and (2) the physician is supervising not more than six full-time  
56 physician assistants concurrently, or the part-time equivalent thereof."