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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:

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AN ACT CONCERNING SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

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

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-8a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2007*):

4 (a) There shall be within the Department of Public Health a
5 Connecticut Medical Examining Board. Said board shall consist of
6 fifteen members appointed by the Governor, subject to the provisions
7 of section 4-9a, in the manner prescribed for department heads in
8 section 4-7, as follows: Five physicians practicing in the state; one
9 physician who shall be a full-time member of the faculty of The
10 University of Connecticut School of Medicine; one physician who shall
11 be a full-time chief of staff in a general-care hospital in the state; one
12 physician who shall be [registered as] a supervising physician for one
13 or more physician assistants; one physician who shall be a graduate of
14 a medical education program accredited by the American Osteopathic

15 Association; one physician assistant licensed pursuant to section
16 20-12b and practicing in this state; and five public members. No
17 professional member of said board shall be an elected or appointed
18 officer of a professional society or association relating to such
19 member's profession at the time of appointment to the board or have
20 been such an officer during the year immediately preceding
21 appointment or serve for more than two consecutive terms.
22 Professional members shall be practitioners in good professional
23 standing and residents of this state.

24 Sec. 2. Subdivision (6) of section 20-12a of the general statutes is
25 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
26 *1, 2007*):

27 (6) "Supervising physician" means a physician licensed pursuant to
28 this chapter [who is registered with the department pursuant to section
29 20-12c and] who assumes responsibility for the supervision of services
30 rendered by a physician assistant.

31 Sec. 3. Section 20-12c of the general statutes is repealed and the
32 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

33 (a) Each physician assistant practicing in this state or participating
34 in a resident physician assistant program shall have a clearly identified
35 supervising physician who maintains the final responsibility for the
36 care of patients and the performance of the physician assistant. [No
37 physician assistant issued a license or temporary permit by the
38 department shall practice until such time as a supervising physician
39 has been registered with the department. An individual may register
40 with the department as a supervising physician provided the
41 individual: (1) Possesses a current unrestricted license to practice
42 medicine issued pursuant to this chapter; and (2) has submitted a
43 completed application, on such forms as the department may require,
44 with a fee of thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents. No physician shall
45 function as a supervising physician unless so registered with the
46 department. The department shall not register any applicant against

47 whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject
48 of an unresolved complaint in this or any other state or territory.]

49 (b) A physician may function as a supervising physician for as many
50 physician assistants as is medically appropriate under the
51 circumstances, provided (1) the supervision is active and direct, and
52 (2) the physician is supervising not more than six full-time physician
53 assistants concurrently, or the part-time equivalent thereof.

54 (c) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the
55 employment of physician assistants in a hospital or other health care
56 facility where such physician assistants function under the direction of
57 a supervising physician.

58 (d) A supervising physician shall notify the department, in writing,
59 [within] not later than thirty days [of] after termination of a
60 physician-physician assistant supervisory relationship. Nothing in this
61 subsection shall relieve a supervising physician of [his] the
62 responsibility to report pursuant to section 20-12e.

63 (e) [Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a licensed
64 physician assistant may provide patient services under the
65 supervision, control, responsibility and direction of a licensed
66 physician who has not registered with the Department of Public
67 Health as a supervising physician pursuant to subsection (a) of this
68 section, provided the] Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to
69 prohibit a licensed physician assistant who is part of the Connecticut
70 Disaster Medical Assistance Team or the Medical Reserve Corps,
71 under the auspices of the Department of Public Health, or the
72 Connecticut Urban Search and Rescue Team, under the auspices of the
73 Department of Public Safety, and is engaged in officially authorized
74 civil preparedness duty or civil preparedness training conducted by
75 such team or corps, from providing patient services under the
76 supervision, control, responsibility and direction of a licensed
77 physician.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	20-8a(a)
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	20-12a(6)
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	20-12c

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]