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Substitute Senate Bill No. 1069

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The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE JOINT PRACTICE OF PHYSICIANS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS.

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

1 Section 1. Section 33-182a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2013*):

3 As used in this chapter:

4 (1) "Professional service" means any type of service to the public
5 that requires that members of a profession rendering such service
6 obtain a license or other legal authorization as a condition precedent to
7 the rendition thereof, limited to the professional services rendered by
8 dentists, natureopaths, chiropractors, physicians and surgeons,
9 physician assistants, doctors of dentistry, physical therapists,
10 occupational therapists, podiatrists, optometrists, nurses,
11 nurse-midwives, veterinarians, pharmacists, architects, professional
12 engineers, or jointly by architects and professional engineers,
13 landscape architects, real estate brokers, insurance producers, certified

14 public accountants and public accountants, land surveyors,
15 psychologists, attorneys-at-law, licensed marital and family therapists,
16 licensed professional counselors and licensed clinical social workers.

17 (2) "Professional corporation" means (A) a corporation [which] that
18 is organized under this chapter for the sole and specific purpose of
19 rendering professional service and [which] that has as its shareholders
20 only individuals who themselves are licensed or otherwise legally
21 authorized to render the same professional service as the corporation,
22 (B) a corporation [which] that is organized under this chapter for the
23 sole and specific purpose of rendering professional services rendered
24 by members of two or more of the following professions: Psychology,
25 marital and family therapy, social work, nursing, professional
26 counseling and psychiatry and that has as its shareholders only
27 individuals who themselves are licensed or otherwise legally
28 authorized to render one of the professional services for which the
29 corporation was specifically incorporated, (C) a corporation [which]
30 that is organized under this chapter for the sole and specific purpose of
31 rendering professional services by physicians specializing in
32 ophthalmology and optometrists and that has as its shareholders only
33 individuals who themselves are licensed or otherwise legally
34 authorized to render one of the professional services for which the
35 corporation was specifically incorporated, (D) a corporation [which]
36 that is organized under this chapter for the sole and specific purpose of
37 rendering professional services by (i) physicians, and (ii) physician
38 assistants or advanced practice registered nurses, or both, and that has
39 as its shareholders only individuals who themselves are licensed or
40 otherwise legally authorized to render one of the professional services
41 for which the corporation was specifically incorporated, [or] (E) a
42 corporation [which] that is organized under this chapter for the sole
43 and specific purpose of rendering professional services by physicians
44 and chiropractors and that has as its shareholders only individuals
45 who themselves are licensed or otherwise legally authorized to render
46 one of the professional services for which the corporation was
47 specifically incorporated; or (F) a corporation that is organized under
48 this chapter for the sole and specific purpose of rendering professional

49 services by physicians and psychologists and that has as its
 50 shareholders only individuals who themselves are licensed or
 51 otherwise legally authorized to render one of the professional services
 52 for which the corporation was specifically incorporated.

53 (3) "Shareholder" means the holder of any shares of the capital stock
 54 of a professional corporation. The shareholders of a professional
 55 corporation may be designated as "members" in its certificate of
 56 incorporation, bylaws and other corporate documents and may be
 57 referred to, for all purposes, as "members", whether or not so
 58 designated; and the term "shareholder" or "shareholders", when used
 59 in the general statutes in reference to the shareholders of a professional
 60 corporation, shall include such "members".

61 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 33-182c of the general statutes is
 62 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 63 *October 1, 2013*):

64 (b) Any group of persons, each member of which is licensed or
 65 otherwise legally authorized to render any of the professional services
 66 specified in subparagraph (B), (C), (D),_z [or] (E) or (F) of subdivision (2)
 67 of section 33-182a, may organize and become shareholders of a
 68 professional corporation for profit under the provisions of chapter 601,
 69 for the sole and specific purpose of rendering two or more of the
 70 professional services specified in said subparagraph (B), (C), (D),_z [or]
 71 (E) or (F), respectively.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	33-182a
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	33-182c(b)

PH *Joint Favorable Subst.*

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OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:** None**Municipal Impact:** None**Explanation**

The bill, which modifies the definition of a professional corporation, has no fiscal impact.

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OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE JOINT PRACTICE OF PHYSICIANS AND PSYCHOLOGISTS.

SUMMARY:

This bill authorizes physicians and psychologists to form a professional service corporation together to offer the services of a physician and psychologist.

Existing law authorizes psychiatrists and psychologists to form a professional service corporation together to offer their services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 28 Nay 0 (04/01/2013)