

Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1690

An act relating to physician assistants; amending ss. 458.331 and 459.015, F.S.; appointing a physician assistant to probable cause panels of the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine considering discipline of physician assistants; providing qualifications for the physician assistants appointed to the panels; exempting the appointed physician assistants from certain training requirements concerning the grounds for disciplinary action; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (10) is added to section 458.331, Florida Statutes, to read:

458.331 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the board and department.—

(10) A probable cause panel convened to consider disciplinary action against a physician assistant alleged to have violated s. 456.072 or this section must include one physician assistant. The physician assistant must hold a valid license to practice as a physician assistant in this state and be appointed to the panel by the Council of Physician Assistants. The physician assistant may hear only cases involving disciplinary actions against a physician assistant. If the appointed physician assistant is not present at the disciplinary hearing, the panel may consider the matter and vote on the case in the absence of the physician assistant. The training requirements set forth in s. 458.307(4) do not apply to the appointed physician assistant. Rules need not be adopted to implement this subsection.

Section 2. Subsection (10) is added to section 459.015, Florida Statutes, to read:

459.015 Grounds for disciplinary action; action by the board and department.—

(10) A probable cause panel convened to consider disciplinary action against a physician assistant alleged to have violated s. 456.072 or this section must include one physician assistant. The physician assistant must hold a valid license to practice as a physician assistant in this state and be appointed to the panel by the Council of Physician Assistants. The physician assistant may hear only cases involving disciplinary actions against a physician assistant. If the appointed physician assistant is not present at the disciplinary hearing, the panel may consider the matter and vote on the case in the absence of the physician assistant. The training requirements set forth in s. 458.307(4) do not apply to the appointed physician assistant. Rules need not be adopted to implement this subsection.

Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2006.

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