

CHAPTER 2017-154

Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1307

An act relating to physician assistant workforce surveys; amending ss. 458.347 and 459.022, F.S.; requiring that a physician assistant license renewal include the submission of a completed physician assistant workforce survey; requiring the Department of Health to report the data collected from such surveys to the boards biennially; requiring rulemaking; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 458.347, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

458.347 Physician assistants.—

(7) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE.—

(b)1. The license must be renewed biennially. Each renewal must include:

a.1. A renewal fee not to exceed \$500 as set by the boards.

b.2. Acknowledgment of no felony convictions in the previous 2 years.

c. A completed physician assistant workforce survey, which shall be administered in the same manner as the physician survey established in s. 458.3191 and must contain the same information required in s. 458.3191(1) and (2).

2. Beginning July 1, 2018, and every 2 years thereafter, the department shall report the data collected from the physician assistant workforce surveys to the boards.

3. The department shall adopt rules to implement this paragraph.

Section 2. Paragraph (b) of subsection (7) of section 459.022, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

459.022 Physician assistants.—

(7) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE.—

(b)1. The licensure must be renewed biennially. Each renewal must include:

a.1. A renewal fee not to exceed \$500 as set by the boards.

~~b.2.~~ Acknowledgment of no felony convictions in the previous 2 years.

c. A completed physician assistant workforce survey, which shall be administered in the same manner as the physician survey established in s. 459.0081 and must contain the same information required under s. 459.0081(1) and (2).

2. Beginning July 1, 2018, and every 2 years thereafter, the department shall report the data collected from the physician assistant workforce surveys to the boards.

3. The department shall adopt rules to implement this paragraph.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor June 23, 2017.

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