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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CREATE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE
9 WITHIN THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD; TO PROVIDE
10 FOR PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING THE WORK OF PHYSICIAN
11 ASSISTANTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO CREATE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
15 COMMITTEE WITHIN THE ARKANSAS STATE
16 MEDICAL BOARD.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 95 is amended to add an*
23 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*

24 *Subchapter 8 – Physician Assistant Committee*
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26 *17-95-801. Physician Assistant Committee – Members.*

27 *(a)(1) The Physician Assistant Committee is created with the Arkansas*
28 *State Medical Board.*

29 *(2) The committee shall consist of five (5) members as follows:*

30 *(A) Three (3) members who shall be members of the Arkansas*
31 *State Medical Board; and*

32 *(B) Two (2) physician assistants members selected by the*
33 *board from a list of physician assistants nominated by the Arkansas Academy*
34 *of Physician Assistants.*

35 *(b)(1)(A) Committee members who are physician assistants shall serve*
36 *three-year terms.*



1 (B) Committee members who are physician assistants shall
2 not serve more than two (2) consecutive terms.

3 (2) A physician assistant committee member shall serve until a
4 successor is appointed by the board.

5 (3) If a vacancy occurs among the committee members who are
6 physician assistants, the board shall appoint a new member from a list of
7 three (3) physician assistants nominated by the Arkansas Academy of Physician
8 Assistants to fill the vacancy.

9 (c)(1) The committee shall elect a chair with powers and duties the
10 committee shall fix.

11 (2) The chair shall serve a two-year term.

12 (3) A chair may be elected for no more than two (2) consecutive
13 terms.

14 (d)(1) A quorum of the committee shall be three (3) members.

15 (2) The committee shall hold a meeting at least quarterly and at
16 other times the committee considers advisable to review applications for
17 licensure or renewal and for approval of the protocol between the physician
18 assistant and the supervising physician.

19 (e)(1) The committee members who are physician assistants shall serve
20 without remuneration.

21 (2) However, if funds are available, the committee members who
22 are physician assistants may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in
23 accordance with § 25-16-902, as follows:

24 (A) Their actual expenses while attending regular and
25 special meetings of the committee; and

26 (B) A per diem allowance when in attendance at regular or
27 special meetings of the committee.

28 (f) The members of the committee who are members of the board shall
29 receive remuneration as now provided to members of the board.

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31 17-95-802. Duties of Physician Assistant Committee.

32 The Physician Assistant Committee shall:

33 (1) Review all applications for physician assistants' licensure
34 and for renewal of physician assistants' licensure;

35 (2) Review of protocols between a physician assistant and a
36 supervising physician;

