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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1985

AN ACT TO CREATE A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE WITHIN THE ARKANSAS
STATE MEDICAL BOARD.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1985

Amend House Bill No. 1985 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 17, Chapter 95 is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 8 – Physician Assistant Committee

17-95-801. Physician Assistant Committee – Members.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) The committee shall hold a meeting at least quarterly and at other times the committee considers advisable to review applications for



licensure or renewal and for approval of the protocol between the physician assistant and the supervising physician.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Physician Assistant Committee shall:

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

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

(3) Recommend to the Arkansas State Medical Board approval or disapproval of applications submitted under subdivision (1) of this section and of protocols reviewed under subdivision (2) of this section;; and

(4) Recommend the approval, disapproval, or modification of the application for prescriptive privileges for a physician assistant.

The Amendment was read _____
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