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HOUSE BILL NO. 2169

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 54.1-2951.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to physician assistants; licensure by endorsement.

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Referred to Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 54.1-2951.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 54.1-2951.1. Requirements for licensure as a physician assistant; licensure by endorsement.

A. The Board shall promulgate regulations establishing requirements for licensure as a physician assistant that shall include the following:

1. Successful completion of a physician assistant program or surgical physician assistant program accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant;

2. Passage of the certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants; and

3. Documentation that the applicant for licensure has not had his license or certification as a physician assistant suspended or revoked and is not the subject of any disciplinary proceedings in another jurisdiction.

B. *The Board may issue a license by endorsement to an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant if the applicant (i) is the spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States or the Commonwealth, (ii) is a graduate of an approved physician assistant education program, and (iii) holds a license as a physician assistant that is in good standing, or that is eligible for reinstatement if lapsed, under the laws of another state, the District of Columbia, or a United States possession or territory.*

C. Prior to initiating practice with a supervising physician, the physician assistant shall enter into a written or electronic practice agreement with at least one supervising physician or podiatrist.

Ⓒ. A practice agreement shall include delegated activities pursuant to § 54.1-2952, provisions for the periodic review of patient charts or electronic health records, guidelines for availability and ongoing communications among the parties to the agreement and the patient, periodic joint evaluation of the services delivered, and provisions for appropriate physician input in complex clinical cases, in patient emergencies, and for referrals.

A practice agreement may include provisions for periodic site visits by supervising licensees who supervise and direct assistants who provide services at a location other than where the licensee regularly practices. Such visits shall be in the manner and at the frequency as determined by the supervising physician or podiatrist.

D. Evidence of a practice agreement shall be maintained by the physician assistant and provided to the Board upon request.

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