

By: Senator(s) Simmons

To: Public Health and  
Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2149

1 AN ACT TO CODIFY SECTION 73-43-10, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE TO PROMULGATE  
3 RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF PHYSICIAN  
4 ASSISTANTS; TO AMEND SECTION 73-43-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
5 IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. The following provision shall be codified as

8 Section 73-43-10, Mississippi Code of 1972:

9 73-43-10. (1) As used in this section:

10 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Medical Licensure.

11 (b) "Physician assistant" means a person who meets the  
12 board's criteria for licensure as a physician assistant and is  
13 licensed as a physician assistant by the board.

14 (c) "Supervising physician" means a doctor of medicine  
15 or a doctor of osteopathic medicine who holds an unrestricted  
16 license from the board, and who is in the full-time practice of  
17 medicine and who has been approved by the board to supervise  
18 physician assistants.

19 (d) "Supervision" means overseeing and accepting  
20 responsibility for the medical services rendered by a physician  
21 assistant in a manner approved by the board.

22 (2) The board shall promulgate and publish reasonable rules  
23 and regulations necessary to enable it to discharge its functions  
24 and to enforce the provisions of law regulating the practice of  
25 physician assistants. Such rules shall include, but are not  
26 limited to: qualifications for licensure for physician  
27 assistants, scope of practice of physician assistants, supervision

28 of physician assistants, identification of physician assistants,  
29 and grounds for disciplinary actions and discipline of physician  
30 assistants.

31 SECTION 2. Section 73-43-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
32 amended as follows:

33 73-43-11. The State Board of Medical Licensure shall have  
34 the following powers and responsibilities:

35 (a) Setting policies and professional standards  
36 regarding the medical practice of physicians, osteopaths,  
37 podiatrists and physician assistants practicing under a  
38 physician's supervision;

39 (b) Considering applications for licensure;

40 (c) Conducting examinations for licensure;

41 (d) Investigating alleged violations of the medical  
42 practice act;

43 (e) Conducting hearings on disciplinary matters  
44 involving violations of state and federal law, probation,  
45 suspension and revocation of licenses;

46 (f) Considering petitions for termination of  
47 probationary and suspension periods, and restoration of revoked  
48 licenses;

49 (g) To promulgate and publish reasonable rules and  
50 regulations necessary to enable it to discharge its functions and  
51 to enforce the provisions of law regulating the practice of  
52 medicine; \* \* \*

53 (h) To enter into contracts with any other state or  
54 federal agency, or with any private person, organization or group  
55 capable of contracting, if it finds such action to be in the  
56 public interest and in the furtherance of its responsibilities;  
57 and

58 (i) Perform the duties prescribed by Section 73-43-10,  
59 Mississippi Code of 1972.

60 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
61 and after July 1, 1999.