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To: Public Health and
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HOUSE BILL NO. 515

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF
2 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS BY THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE; TO
3 AMEND SECTION 73-43-11, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY TO
4 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. As used in the act:

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

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

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

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

19 SECTION 2. The board shall promulgate and publish reasonable
20 rules and regulations necessary to enable it to discharge its
21 functions and to enforce the provisions of law regulating the
22 practice of physician assistants. Those rules shall include, but

23 are not limited to, qualifications for licensure for physician
24 assistants, scope of practice of physician assistants, supervision
25 of physician assistants, identification of physician assistants,
26 and grounds for disciplinary actions and discipline of physician
27 assistants.

28 SECTION 3. Section 73-43-11, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
29 amended as follows:

30 73-43-11. The State Board of Medical Licensure shall have
31 the following powers and responsibilities:

32 (a) Setting policies and professional standards
33 regarding the medical practice of physicians, osteopaths and
34 podiatrists;

35 (b) Considering applications for licensure;

36 (c) Conducting examinations for licensure;

37 (d) Investigating alleged violations of the Medical
38 Practice Act;

39 (e) Conducting hearings on disciplinary matters
40 involving violations of state and federal law, probation,
41 suspension and revocation of licenses;

42 (f) Considering petitions for termination of
43 probationary and suspension periods, and restoration of revoked
44 licenses;

45 (g) To promulgate and publish reasonable rules and
46 regulations necessary to enable it to discharge its functions and
47 to enforce the provisions of law regulating the practice of
48 medicine; * * *

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

54 (i) Perform the duties prescribed by Sections 1 and 2
55 of this act.

56 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from
57 and after July 1, 2000.