CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS--DOCUMENTS

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Yeas 94   Nays 0

FRANK CHOPP
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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Yeas 46   Nays 0

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved May 2, 2007, 10:45 a.m.

CERTIFICATE

I, Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is HOUSE BILL 1966 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

RICHARD NAFZIGER
Chief Clerk

FILED

May 3, 2007

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE
Governor of the State of Washington

Secretary of State
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to physician assistants signing and attesting to
documents; adding a new section to chapter 18.57A RCW; adding a new
section to chapter 18.71A RCW; and creating a new section.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that some state
agencies and departments do not accept the signature of physician
assistants on certain certificates, reports, and other documents that
their supervising physician is permitted to sign, notwithstanding the
fact that the signing of such documents is within the physician
assistant's scope of practice, covered under their practice arrangement
plan, and permitted pursuant to WAC 246-918-140.

It is therefore the intent of the legislature to clarify in statute
what was adopted by rule in WAC 246-918-140, that a physician assistant
may sign and attest to any document that might ordinarily be signed by
the supervising physician and that is consistent with the terms of the
practice arrangement plan.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.57A RCW
to read as follows:
An osteopathic physician's assistant may sign and attest to any certificates, cards, forms, or other required documentation that the osteopathic physician's assistant's supervising osteopathic physician or osteopathic physician group may sign, provided that it is within the osteopathic physician's assistant's scope of practice and is consistent with the terms of the osteopathic physician's assistant's practice arrangement plan as required by this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. A new section is added to chapter 18.71A RCW to read as follows:

A physician assistant may sign and attest to any certificates, cards, forms, or other required documentation that the physician assistant's supervising physician or physician group may sign, provided that it is within the physician assistant's scope of practice and is consistent with the terms of the physician assistant's practice arrangement plan as required by this chapter.

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