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By Senators Amondson and Snyder

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1 AN ACT Relating to physician's assistants; and amending RCW
2 18.57A.020 and 18.71A.020.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.57A.020 and 1971 ex.s. c 30 s 8 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 The board shall adopt rules and regulations fixing the
7 qualifications and the educational and training requirements for
8 persons who may be employed as osteopathic physician's assistants or
9 who may be enrolled in any physician's training program.

10 The board shall, in addition, adopt rules and regulations governing
11 the extent to which physician's assistants may practice medicine during
12 training and after successful completion of a training course. Such
13 regulations shall provide:

1 (1) That the practice of an osteopathic physician's assistant shall
2 be limited to the performance of those services for which he is
3 trained; and

4 (2) That each osteopathic physician's assistant shall practice
5 medicine only under the supervision and control of an osteopathic
6 physician licensed in this state, but such supervision and control
7 shall not be construed to necessarily require the personal presence of
8 the supervising physician at the place where services are rendered.
9 The board may authorize the use of alternative supervisors who are
10 licensed either under chapter 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.

11 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.71A.020 and 1990 c 196 s 2 are each amended to read
12 as follows:

13 (1) The board shall adopt rules fixing the qualifications and the
14 educational and training requirements for persons who may be employed
15 as physician assistants or who may be enrolled in any physician
16 assistant training program. The requirements shall include completion
17 of an accredited physician assistant training program approved by the
18 board and eligibility to take an examination approved by the board,
19 provided such examination tests subjects substantially equivalent to
20 the curriculum of an accredited physician assistant training program.
21 Physician assistants licensed by the board on June 7, 1990, shall
22 continue to be licensed.

23 (2)(a) The board shall adopt rules governing the extent to which:

24 (i) Physician assistant students may practice medicine during
25 training; and

26 (ii) Physician assistants may practice after successful completion
27 of a physician assistant training course.

28 (b) Such rules shall provide:

1 (i) That the practice of a physician assistant shall be limited to
2 the performance of those services for which he or she is trained; and
3 (ii) That each physician assistant shall practice medicine only
4 under the supervision and control of a physician licensed in this
5 state, but such supervision and control shall not be construed to
6 necessarily require the personal presence of the supervising physician
7 at the place where services are rendered. The board may authorize the
8 use of alternative supervisors who are licensed either under chapter
9 18.57 or 18.71 RCW.