

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6070**

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PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS--USE OF ALTERNATE SUPERVISORS

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Passed by the Senate February 11, 1992  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

JOEL PRITCHARD

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**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 5, 1992  
Yeas 97 Nays 0

JOE KING

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved March 20, 1992

BOOTH GARDNER

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Gordon Golob, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 6070** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

GORDON A. GOLOB

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**Secretary**

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**By** Senators Amondson and Snyder

Read first time 01/14/92. Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

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.

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