

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 1966

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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.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE

Governor of the State of Washington

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

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May 3, 2007

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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By Representatives Curtis, Cody, Skinner, Morrell, Green, Barlow, Darneille, Ormsby and Schual-Berke

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1 AN ACT Relating to physician assistants signing and attesting to
2 documents; adding a new section to chapter 18.57A RCW; adding a new
3 section to chapter 18.71A RCW; and creating a new section.

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

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

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

17 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 18.57A RCW
18 to read as follows:

1 An osteopathic physician's assistant may sign and attest to any
2 certificates, cards, forms, or other required documentation that the
3 osteopathic physician's assistant's supervising osteopathic physician
4 or osteopathic physician group may sign, provided that it is within the
5 osteopathic physician's assistant's scope of practice and is consistent
6 with the terms of the osteopathic physician's assistant's practice
7 arrangement plan as required by this chapter.

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

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

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