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(Physicians assistants--  
temporary license)

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SENATE, No. 1943

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JUNE 14, 1993

By Senator SINAGRA

1 AN ACT concerning the licensure of physician assistants and  
2 amending <sup>1</sup>and supplementing<sup>1</sup> P.L.1991, c.378.

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4 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
5 *State of New Jersey:*

6 1. Section 4 of P.L.1991, c.378 (C.45:9-27.13) is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 4. a. The board shall issue a license as a physician assistant to  
9 an applicant who has fulfilled the following requirements:

10 (1) Is at least 18 years of age;

11 (2) Is of good moral character;

12 (3) Has successfully completed an approved program; and

13 (4) Has passed the national certifying examination  
14 administered by the National Commission on Certification of  
15 Physician Assistants, or its successor.

16 b. In addition to the requirements of subsection a. of this  
17 section, an applicant for renewal of a license as a physician  
18 assistant shall:

19 (1) Execute and submit a sworn statement made on a form  
20 provided by the board that neither the license for which renewal  
21 is sought nor any similar license or other authority issued by  
22 another jurisdiction has been revoked, suspended or not renewed;  
23 and

24 (2) Present satisfactory evidence that any continuing  
25 education requirements have been completed as required by this  
26 act.

27 c. The board, in consultation with the committee, may accept,  
28 in lieu of the examination required by paragraph (4) of subsection  
29 a. of this section, proof that an applicant for licensure holds a  
30 current license in a state which has standards substantially  
31 equivalent to those of this State.

32 d. The board shall issue a temporary license to an applicant  
33 who meets the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of  
34 subsection a. of this section and who is either waiting to take the  
35 first scheduled examination following completion of an approved  
36 program or is awaiting the results of the examination. The  
37 temporary license shall expire upon the applicant's receipt of  
38 notification of failure to pass the examination. <sup>1</sup>[The temporary  
39 license shall become permanent upon notification of passage of  
40 the examination and payment of the appropriate fee.]<sup>1</sup>

41 (cf: P.L.1992, c.102, s.2)

42 <sup>2</sup>2. Section 9 of P.L.1991, c.378 (C.45:9-27.18) is amended to

EXPLANATION--Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the  
above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Senate floor amendments adopted December 13, 1993.

1 read as follows:

2 9. a. A physician assistant and a temporary licensed physician  
3 assistant shall be under the direct supervision of a physician at all  
4 times during which the physician assistant or temporary licensed  
5 physician assistant is working in his official capacity.

6 b. In an inpatient setting, direct supervision of a physician  
7 assistant shall include, but not be limited to:

8 (1) continuing or intermittent presence with constant  
9 availability through electronic communications;

10 (2) regularly scheduled review of the practice of the physician  
11 assistant; and

12 (3) personal review by a physician of all charts and records of  
13 patients and countersignature by a physician of all medical  
14 orders, including prescribing and administering medication, within  
15 24 hours of their entry by the physician assistant.

16 c. In an outpatient setting, direct supervision of a physician  
17 assistant shall include, but not be limited to:

18 (1) constant availability through electronic communications;

19 (2) regularly scheduled review of the practice of the physician  
20 assistant; and

21 (3) personal review by a physician of the charts and records of  
22 patients and countersignature by a physician of all medical  
23 orders, including administering medications, within seven days of  
24 their entry by the physician assistant.

25 d. In any setting, direct supervision of a temporary licensed  
26 physician assistant shall include, but not be limited to:

27 (1) continuing physical presence of a physician or a licensed  
28 physician assistant;

29 (2) regularly scheduled review by a physician of the practice of  
30 the temporary licensed physician assistant; and

31 (3) personal review by a physician of all charts and records of  
32 patients within 24 hours of an entry by the temporary licensed  
33 physician assistant.<sup>1</sup>

34 (cf: P.L.1991, c.378, s.9)

35 <sup>1</sup>3. (New section) A temporary licensed physician assistant  
36 may write an order for medications; however, the order may not  
37 be executed without the immediate countersignature of a  
38 physician or licensed physician assistant. When the  
39 countersignature is provided by a licensed physician assistant, the  
40 order must also be countersigned by a physician within 24 hours  
41 of its entry by the temporary licensed physician assistant. Any  
42 limitation on the authority of a temporary licensed physician  
43 assistant to order medications as provided in this section shall be  
44 in addition to any such limitation on a licensed physician assistant  
45 pursuant to the "Physician Assistant Licensing Act," P.L.1991,  
46 c..378 (C.45:9-27.10 et seq.).<sup>1</sup>

47 <sup>1</sup>[2.] 4.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect immediately.

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52 Permits issuance of temporary physician assistant license in  
53 certain circumstances.

## STATEMENT

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3 This bill requires the State Board of Medical Examiners to issue  
4 a temporary license to an applicant for a license as a physician  
5 assistant if he has met the requirements of the board and is  
6 either waiting to take the first scheduled examination following  
7 completion of an approved program or is awaiting the results of  
8 the examination. The bill also provides that the temporary  
9 license shall become permanent upon notification of passage of  
10 the examination and payment of the necessary fee or shall expire  
11 if the applicant receives notification of his failure to pass the  
12 examination.

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SENATE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 1943**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 21, 1993

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No. 1943.

This bill requires the State Board of Medical Examiners to issue a temporary license to an applicant for a license as a physician assistant if he has met the requirements of the board and is either waiting to take the first scheduled examination following completion of an approved program or is awaiting the results of the examination. The bill also provides that the temporary license shall become permanent upon notification of passage of the examination and payment of the necessary fee or shall expire if the applicant receives notification of his failure to pass the examination.

This bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2641 (Felice) which is currently pending before the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee.