AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1360.23(G) and 1360.31(C)(2), relative to physician assistants; to provide for supervising physician capacity; to provide for prescriptive authority eligibility; to provide for clinical hour requirements; to prohibit certain actions by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:1360.23(G) and 1360.31(C)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§1360.23. Powers and duties of the board

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G. A physician, approved by the board as a supervising physician, practicing in a private practice, group practice, partnership, professional medical corporation, or employed by a hospital or other health care organization or entity may be the primary supervising physician for up to four eight physician assistants. Physician assistants may be employed by a group practice or partnership of physicians or a professional medical corporation duly qualified under R.S. 12:901 et seq., as amended, or a hospital or other health care organization or entity, as long as such physician assistants are being supervised by a qualified supervising physician.

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§1360.31. Services performed by physician assistants

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Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in boldface type and underscored are additions.
(2)(a) A graduate physician assistant shall have at least five hundred clinical hours of training prior to application for prescriptive authority. A physician assistant shall meet all of the following qualifications to be eligible to apply for prescriptive authority:

(i) Have completed a minimum of five hundred clinical training hours prior to graduation from an approved physician assistant educational program.

(ii) Hold an active unrestricted license issued by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

(iii) Be authorized to prescribe as delegated by the supervising physician.

(iv) Apply for a controlled dangerous substance license from the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and register with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency, if delegated authority to prescribe schedule II, III, IV, or V drugs by the supervising physician.

(b) The board shall not impose any qualifications for a physician assistant's prescriptive authority, in addition to those set forth in this Paragraph, through administrative rulemaking.

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