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2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 528

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

HEALTH SERVICES. Provides relative to physician assistants. (8/1/18)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1360.23(G) and 1360.31(C)(2), relative to physician
3	assistants; to provide for supervising physician capacity; to provide for prescriptive
4	authority eligibility; to provide for clinical hour requirements; to prohibit certain
5	actions by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners; and to provide for
6	related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 37:1360.23(G) and 1360.31(C)(2) are hereby amended and reenacted
9	to read as follows:
10	§1360.23. Powers and duties of the board
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12	G. A physician, approved by the board as a supervising physician, practicing
13	in a private practice, group practice, partnership, professional medical corporation,
14	or employed by a hospital or other health care organization or entity may be the
15	primary supervising physician for up to four twenty physician assistants. Physician
16	assistants may be employed by a group practice or partnership of physicians or a
17	professional medical corporation duly qualified under R.S. 12:901 et seq., as

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Christine Arbo Peck.

	DIGEST	
SB 528 Original	2018 Regular Session	LaFleur

<u>Present law</u> provides that a supervising physician may supervise up to four physician assistants.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the number of physician assistants that a supervising physician may supervise from four to 20.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that a graduate physician assistant must have 500 clinical hours of training prior to application for prescriptive authority.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that to be eligible to apply for prescriptive authority the physician assistant shall have 500 clinical training hours prior to graduation from an approved physician assistant education program, hold an active unrestricted license from LSBME, be authorized to prescribe by a supervising physician, and apply for a controlled dangerous substance license from the LSBP, if the physician assistant intends to control CDSs.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits LSBME from imposing additional prescription authority qualifications through administrative rulemaking.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 37:1360.23(G) and 1360.31(C)(2))