SENATE BILL NO. 528

BY SENATOR LAFLEUR

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
11	* * *
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 eight 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
18	amended, or a hospital or other health care organization or entity, as long as such
19	physician assistants are being supervised by a qualified supervising physician.
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21	§1360.31. Services performed by physician assistants
22	* * *
23	C.(1) * * *

SB NO. 528 ENROLLED 1 (2)(a) A graduate physician assistant shall have at least five hundred clinical 2 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 3 4 prescriptive authority: 5 (i) Have completed a minimum of five hundred clinical training hours prior to graduation from an approved physician assistant educational program. 6 7 (ii) Hold an active unrestricted license issued by the Louisiana State **Board of Medical Examiners.** 8 9 (iii) Be authorized to prescribe as delegated by the supervising physician. 10 (iv) Apply for a controlled dangerous substance license from the 11 Louisiana Board of Pharmacy and register with the United States Drug 12 Enforcement Agency, if delegated authority to prescribe schedule II, III, IV, or 13 V drugs by the supervising physician. 14 (b) The board shall not impose any qualifications for a physician assistant's prescriptive authority, in addition to those set forth in this 15 16 Paragraph, through administrative rulemaking. 17 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED: _____

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA