

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 475 (SB 528)**

**2018 Regular Session**

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Prior law provided that a supervising physician may supervise up to four physician assistants.

New law increases the number of physician assistants a primary supervising physician can supervise from four to eight.

Prior law provided that a graduate physician assistant must have 500 clinical hours of training prior to application for prescriptive authority.

New law 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.

New law 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))