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## DIGEST 2019 Regular Session

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SB 166 Reengrossed

<u>Present law</u> provides for the licensure and regulation of physician assistants by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (LSBME). <u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u>.

<u>Present law</u> provides that a physician assistant shall hold an active unrestricted license issued by LSBME. <u>Proposed law</u> provides that the license must be current.

<u>Present law</u> provides that occupational therapy may be ordered or referred by certain licensed healthcare providers. <u>Proposed law</u> adds physician assistants to the providers who may order or refer occupational therapy for a patient.

Effective August 1, 2019.

(Amends R.S. 37:1360.31(C)(2)(a)(ii) and 3003(4)(a))

## Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

## Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill

- 1. Changes the relationship between the physician assistant and physician <u>from</u> collaboration to sponsoring.
- 2. Clarifies that a physician assistant must hold a current license issued by LSBME to be eligible to apply for prescriptive authority.
- 3. Clarifies that the legal responsibility for a physician assistant is that of the physician assistant regardless of care setting.
- 4. Provides that a physician assistant can refer or order occupational therapy for a patient.
- 5. Makes technical corrections.

## Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Removes all proposed changes to the supervisory relationship between the physician and physician assistant to retain <u>present law</u>.

2. Makes technical corrections.