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by adding the following as Section 10 to the bill as amended and by renumbering the current Section 10 and the remaining sections accordingly:

SECTION 10. Any physician who practices pain management shall also be able to hire physician assistants to assist them in their practice. Any of these assistants shall be a licensed physician assistant according to the requirements in Section 63-19-105(a) except for any person who meets the following requirements:

- (a) Is 65 years of age or older;
- (b) Was granted a degree in pre-medical studies in 1960;
- (c) Was granted a Master of Science Degree from the University of Tennessee in 1990;
- (d) Was an instructor and assistant professor during the time period 1977-97 at East Tennessee State University in Surgical Technology;
- (e) Was an instructor in surgical techniques and instruments to medical students and surgical residents at the Quillen College of Medicine at East Tennessee State University;
- (f) Met the standards and qualifications of the American Association of Physician Assistants in March of 1976 and was rated as "physicians assistant – SP-2";
- (g) Satisfactorily completed the postgraduate course "clinical skills for physicians' assistants V" in September 1977 from the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania;

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(h) Held an "assistants renewal certificate" issued by the Virginia Board of Medicine from July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978; and

(i) Was recognized as a "Certified Surgical Assistant" by the National Surgical Assistant Association in May of 1987.

Such person shall be issued a license within sixty (60) days upon submission of evidence to the board of medical examiners that such person met all of the above criteria. Provided however, that such person shall only work under the supervision of one physician who is in the sole practice of pain management and rehabilitation medicine. Such person's duties shall only include helping the physician examine patients in the physician's office, doing diagnostic E.M.Gs, ordering appropriate lab and x-rays studies, seeing the physician's hospital patients on hospital rounds and writing orders to be counter-signed by such physician, but, at no time shall this person be allowed to prescribe medicine. Such person shall also have the ability to work under a physician, who is in the sole practice of pain management and rehabilitation medicine, while performing extensive medical missionary trips in underprivileged countries. Any continuing education requirements for a person meeting the above criteria shall not be waived.