

SENATE BILL 1570
By Crowe

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-105, relative to qualifications and licensure of certain persons as physician assistants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-105, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

(F) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the board shall grant an exemption as to the requirements in Section 63-19-105(a)(1) and (2) and shall issue a license as a physician assistant to a person who would have qualified as a physician assistant prior to July 1, 1991, but who did not at such time continue to represent to be or, function as, a physician assistant. Such license shall be issued upon such person presenting evidence to the board:

(1) That such person met the qualification requirements prior to such date; and

(2) That such person has completed the surgical assistant certification as required by the National Surgical Assistant Association or comparable certification program.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.