

Amendment No. 1 to HB1906

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by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (e):

(e) A licensed podiatrist may supervise a physician assistant or an orthopedic physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 19 of this title. A podiatrist supervising a physician assistant pursuant to this subsection (e) shall comply with the requirements of and any rules adopted pursuant to §§ 63-19-106 and 63-19-107 governing the supervision of a physician assistant. A podiatrist supervising an orthopedic physician assistant pursuant to this subsection (e) shall comply with the requirements of and any rules adopted pursuant to §§ 63-19-203 through 63-19-205 governing the supervision of an orthopedic physician assistant.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

A physician assistant supervised by a licensed podiatrist shall not provide services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist as set forth in § 63-3-101 and may prescribe only drugs that are rational to the practice of podiatry. An orthopedic physician assistant supervised by a licensed podiatrist shall not provide services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist as set forth in § 63-3-101.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-102(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and by substituting instead the following:

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"Physician" means a person lawfully licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 6 of this title, osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 9 of this title, or podiatry pursuant to chapter 3 of this title; and

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() A physician assistant supervised by a licensed podiatrist:

(1) Shall not provide services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist as set forth in § 63-3-101;

(2) Shall comply with the requirements of and any rules adopted pursuant to this section and § 63-19-107 governing the supervision of a physician assistant; and

(3) May prescribe only drugs that are rational to the practice of podiatry.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-109, is amended by deleting the section and by substituting instead the following:

When any licensed physician utilizes the services of a physician assistant or orthopedic physician assistant inconsistent with this chapter, it constitutes grounds for a finding of unprofessional conduct; and the physician is subject to disciplinary action by the board of medical examiners in accordance with § 63-6-214, the board of osteopathic examination in accordance with § 63-9-111, or the board of podiatric medical examiners in accordance with § 63-3-119. Such disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, the suspension of privileges to utilize a physician assistant or an orthopedic physician

assistant or the suspension or revocation of a physician's license to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, or podiatry in Tennessee.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-201, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (e):

(e) For the purposes of this part, unless the context requires otherwise, "physician" means a person lawfully licensed to practice orthopedic medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 6 of this title, osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 9 of this title, or podiatry pursuant to chapter 3 of this title.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-203, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() An orthopedic physician assistant supervised by a licensed podiatrist:

(1) Shall not provide services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist as set forth in § 63-3-101; and

(2) Shall comply with the requirements of and any rules adopted pursuant to §§ 63-19-203 through 63-19-205 governing the supervision of a physician assistant.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-203(a), is amended by inserting the language ", or under the supervision of a licensed podiatrist" immediately before the period (.) at the end of the subsection.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-205, is amended by deleting the language "orthopedic physician or surgeon" wherever it appears in the section and substituting instead the language "physician".

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.