

HB 1977 -- ASSISTANT PHYSICIAN TO FULL PHYSICIAN LICENSURE TRACK

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This bill provides a licensure track for an assistant physician to become a fully licensed physician.

In order to be licensed as a physician, the assistant physician must:

(1) Be licensed in good standing, and must not have been subject to any disciplinary action;

(2) Have completed Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination in fewer than three attempts within a 7-year period of completing Steps 1 and 2;

(3) Have completed 60 months of cumulative, full-time, hands-on active collaborative practice;

(4) Have completed the following on-the-job, hand-on post-graduate training supervised by an accredited or board-certified preceptor within 60 months:

(a) 600 total training hours in 5 required core training categories; and

(b) 840 total training hours in 7 elective training categories, to be chosen by the assistant physician;

(5) Have completed at least 100 hours of continuing medical education every 2 years;

(6) Have completed a final research report for each core and elective training category; and

(7) Complete bi-monthly didactic training reports to the collaborating physician.

During the post-graduate training, a collaborating physician must continue to oversee the assistant physician while not in post-graduate training. The postgraduate training does not pause the 60-month collaborative practice requirement.

Any assistant physician who meets the requirements of the bill and obtains licensure as a physician will be fully licensed as a physician and subject to all laws and regulations pertaining to physicians.