

HB 550 -- ASSISTANT PHYSICIANS

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This bill allows an assistant physician to be eligible to become a licensed general practitioner if the assistant physician has completed Step 3 of the Medical Licensing Examination and 60 months of post-graduate, hands-on, full-time active collaborative practice.

The assistant physician must also complete at least 100 hours of continuing education every two years and must maintain medical malpractice liability insurance with coverage equivalent to the coverage that a physician practicing in the same area would obtain during the 60-month period of active collaborative practice. The assistant physician also must submit a didactic training report every 120 days to the collaborative physician.

Once an assistant physician completes these requirements, the Board must issue the assistant physician a license to practice as a physician, which would be a full license subject to all statutes and regulations pertaining to physicians.

This bill is similar to HB 1977 (2020).