

1991 Senate Bill 248

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AN ACT to renumber and amend 448.05 (5); to amend 448.04 (1) (f); and to create 448.05 (5) (a) 1 and 2 of the statutes, relating to: certification requirements for physician's assistants and granting rule-making authority.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 448.04 (1) (f) of the statutes is amended to read:

448.04 (1) (f) *Certificate as physician's assistant.* The board may, by rule, adopt certification standards and practice standards for physician's assistants and may certify persons under these rules. The board may, by rule, exempt from certification any technologists whose functions are related to or associated with the practice of medicine or surgery and who have been certified or registered by a national accrediting organization, the standards of which have been approved by the board shall certify as a physician's assistant an individual who meets the requirements for certification under s. 448.05 (5). The board may, by rule, provide for various classes of temporary certificates to practice as physician's assistants.

SECTION 2. 448.05 (5) of the statutes is renumbered 448.05 (5) (a) (intro.) and amended to read:

448.05 (5) (a) (intro.) The board may, by rule, adopt shall promulgate rules establishing certification standards and practice standards for physician's assistants and may shall certify persons under these those rules. Where the board finds that experience or informal training is equivalent to education or formal training otherwise required, it may accept the experience or informal training as a substitute for any of the standards. The board may not grant a certificate as a physician's assistant to an applicant unless the applicant submits evidence satisfactory to the board of all of the following:

(b) The board, ~~may by rule, adopt~~ shall promulgate rules establishing certification standards for physician's assistant training programs and may shall certify programs under these those rules. ~~In formulating such rules and certification and practice standards for both physician's assistants and physician's assistant training programs~~

(c) In promulgating rules under pars. (a) and (b), the board shall recognize that an the objective of this program is to increase the existing pool of health personnel under s. 448.20 (4).

(d) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as requiring certification under this subsection of other persons who assist physicians.

SECTION 3. 448.05 (5) (a) 1. and 2. of the statutes are created to read:

448.05 (5) (a) 1. That the applicant is certified to assist primary care physicians by the national commission on certification of physician assistants.

2. That the applicant has satisfactorily completed a physician's assistant training program that is certified under par. (b).

SECTION 4. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Notwithstanding section 448.05 (5) (a) of the statutes, as affected by this act, the medical examining board shall grant a certificate as a physician's assistant to an applicant who, not later than July 1, 1993, submits evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant satisfies section 448.05 (5) (a) 1. of the statutes, as created by this act.

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(2) (a) The medical examining board shall evaluate and record the qualifications of each applicant who, during the period beginning on the effective date of this paragraph and ending on February 15, 1993, submits an application to the board or has an application pending with the board for a certificate as a physician's assistant, and who submits or has submitted evidence satisfactory to the board of any of the following:

1. That the applicant satisfies section 448.05 (5) (a) 1. of the statutes, as created by this act, but does not satisfy section 448.05 (5) (a) 2. of the statutes, as created by this act.

2. That the applicant has experience or informal training that is substantially equivalent to the formal training requirements for certification established in the

rules promulgated under section 448.05 (5) (b) of the statutes, as affected by this act, and has successfully completed a physician's assistant education program that is not certified under those rules.

(b) Not later than March 1, 1993, the medical examining board shall submit to the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes a report that specifies the number of applicants described in paragraph (a) 1. and 2. and includes the board's evaluation of the qualifications of those applicants for certification as a physician's assistant and, based on that evaluation, any recommendations for changing the requirements for certification as a physician's assistant under section 448.05 (5) of the statutes, as affected by this act.
