

Amendment to SB 597

1 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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3 1 Physician Assistants; Licensure. Amend RSA 328-D:2 to read as follows:

4 328-D:2 License Required.

5 I. No person shall practice as ~~[or hold himself out to be]~~ a physician assistant ~~[or use any~~
6 ~~letters designating himself as a physician assistant]~~ **in the state of New Hampshire** unless he **or**
7 **she** is licensed **by the board of medicine** in accordance with this chapter.

8 II. This section shall not be construed to prohibit students enrolled in physician assistant
9 training programs approved by the board, from performing work incidental to their respective
10 courses of study or supervised clinical work while under the supervision of a ~~[physician]~~ **designated**
11 **preceptor**.

12 III. The board shall license each applicant who satisfies the requirements under RSA 328-
13 D:3. Upon payment of a license fee, the board shall issue to such person a license, which shall be
14 prima facie evidence of the right to practice as a physician assistant. ~~[A licensed physician assistant~~
15 ~~may use the letters "P.A." in connection with his name to denote his licensure under this chapter.]~~

16 2 Physician Assistants; License Renewal. Amend RSA 328-D:5 to read as follows:

17 328-D:5 Renewal of Licenses. Every person licensed to practice under this chapter shall apply
18 to the board for ~~[annual]~~ **biennial** renewal of license on forms provided by the ~~[board]~~ **office of**
19 **professional licensure and certification** and shall pay a renewal fee as established by the
20 ~~[board]~~ **office of professional licensure and certification**. Applications for renewal shall be filed
21 no later than December 31 of ~~[each]~~ **every other** year and shall include ~~[a photocopy]~~ **proof** of the
22 applicant's current national certification ~~[card]~~. A license issued under this chapter shall not expire
23 until the board has taken final action upon the application for renewal.

24 3 Physician Assistants; Transition of License Renewals. For the transition from annual to
25 biennial renewal under RSA 328-D:5 as amended by this act, licensees who were initially licensed in
26 odd-numbered years prior to 2021 shall renew by December 31, 2021 and every 2 years thereafter,
27 and licensees who were initially licensed in even-numbered years shall renew by December 31, 2022
28 and every 2 years thereafter. The office of professional licensure and certification shall prorate the
29 renewal fee for those who receive a one-year renewal during this transition. Notwithstanding RSA
30 318-B:40, those who receive a one-year renewal during this transition shall only be required to
31 obtain 1.5 contact hours of continuing education in pain management and addiction disorder as a
32 condition of the renewal during the transition.

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1 4 Effective Date.

2 I. Section 2 of this act shall take effect January 1, 2021.

3 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.