

25 provided for said examining board in the biennial departmental ap-  
 26 propriations] *from the chiropractic examining board fund.* The ex-  
 27 ecutive council shall also furnish said board with the necessary quar-  
 28 ters and all articles and supplies required for public use, and the pro-  
 29 visions of section 147.26 shall not apply to said board.

Approved May 27, 1971.

*Italics indicate new material added to existing statutes; brackets indicate deletions from existing statutes. However, see Editor's note, page iii.*

## CHAPTER 137

### PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS

S. F. 78

AN ACT to establish a program to permit doctors' assistants to work under a doctor's supervision.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

- 1 SECTION 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this chapter:  
 2 1. "Board" means the board of medical examiners of the state of  
 3 Iowa.  
 4 2. "Department" means the state department of health.  
 5 3. "Approved program" means a program for the education of phy-  
 6 sician's assistants which has been formally approved by the board.  
 7 4. "Trainee" means a person who is currently enrolled in an ap-  
 8 proved program.  
 9 5. "Physician" means a person who is currently licensed in Iowa  
 10 to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and surgery,  
 11 or osteopathy.  
 12 6. "Physician's assistant" means a person who has successfully  
 13 completed an approved program or is otherwise found to be qualified  
 14 as a physician's assistant and is approved by the board to perform  
 15 medical services under the supervision of one or more physicians  
 16 approved by the board to supervise such assistant. The term "super-  
 17 vision" shall not be construed as requiring the personal presence of  
 18 a supervising physician at the place where such services are rendered  
 19 except insofar as the personal presence is required by the rules and  
 20 regulations adopted pursuant to this Act or as is expressly required  
 21 in this Act.
- 1 SEC. 2. **Approved programs.** The department shall issue certifi-  
 2 cates of approval for programs for the education and training of physi-  
 3 cian's assistants which meet board standards. In developing criteria  
 4 for program approval, the board shall give consideration to and en-  
 5 courage the utilization of equivalency and proficiency testing and  
 6 other mechanisms whereby full credit is given to trainees for past  
 7 education and experience in health fields. The board shall adopt and  
 8 publish standards to insure that such programs operate in a manner  
 9 which does not endanger the health and welfare of patients who  
 10 receive services within the scope of the program. The board shall  
 11 review the quality of curriculum, faculty, and the facilities of such  
 12 programs and shall issue certificates of approval. The board may  
 13 adopt such regulations as are reasonably necessary to carry out the  
 14 purposes of this chapter.

15 If the board determines that a person has sufficient knowledge and  
16 experience to qualify as a physician's assistant, the board may ap-  
17 prove an application to supervise such person as a physician's assist-  
18 ant without requiring the completion of an approved program.

1 **SEC. 3. Application.** The board shall formulate guidelines for  
2 the consideration of applications by a licensed physician to supervise  
3 physician's assistants. Each application made by a physician to the  
4 board shall include all of the following:

5 1. The qualifications, including related experience, possessed by  
6 the proposed physician's assistant.

7 2. The professional background and specialty of the physician.

8 3. A description by the physician of his practice, and the way in  
9 which the assistant is to be utilized.

10 The board shall not approve an application by any one physician  
11 to supervise more than two physician's assistants at any one time.

12 The board shall approve an application by a licensed physician to  
13 supervise a physician's assistant when the board finds that the pro-  
14 posed assistant is a graduate of an approved program, and is fully  
15 qualified by reason of experience or education to perform medical  
16 services under the supervision of a licensed physician.

17 The board may modify the proposed utilization of a physician's  
18 assistant as detailed in any application and then approve the appli-  
19 cation as modified. A physician's assistant shall perform only those  
20 services for which he is qualified by training, and shall not perform  
21 any service that is not permitted to be performed by the board. Ap-  
22 proval of an application to supervise a physician's assistant may be  
23 revoked or suspended at any time upon such grounds and pursuant  
24 to such procedure as the board shall establish by regulation.

1 **SEC. 4. Services performed by assistants.** A physician's assist-  
2 ant may perform medical service when such services are rendered  
3 under the supervision of a licensed physician or physicians approved  
4 by the board. A trainee may perform medical services when such  
5 services are rendered within the scope of an approved program.

1 **SEC. 5. Advisory committee created.** There is established an  
2 advisory committee on physicians' assistant programs which shall be  
3 advisory to the board on matters pertaining to the education of physi-  
4 cians' assistants and approval of applicants to supervise a physician's  
5 assistant. The committee shall consist of eight members appointed  
6 by the governor. The members of the committee shall include one  
7 representative of the medical board who shall be chairman of the  
8 committee, a representative of an Iowa medical school, an educator  
9 with experience in the development of health manpower program-  
10 ming, one physician, and one registered nurse. Each member of the  
11 committee shall receive a per diem and expenses within the limits pre-  
12 scribed by section one hundred forty-seven point twenty-four (147.24)  
13 of the Code. Per diem and expense payments shall be made from the  
14 state board of medical examiners fund.

1 **SEC. 6. Report of the committee.** The board shall report to the  
2 governor and general assembly no later than January 31, 1973:

3 1. The number and types of programs which have been approved

4 and a description of each.

5 2. The number of physicians' assistants who have been approved  
6 for supervision under this Act.

7 3. The education and qualifications of each physician's assistant.

8 4. Background concerning the numbers of physicians supervising  
9 assistants, their specialties, and the counties in which they practice.

10 5. The scope of practice of approved physicians' assistants.

11 6. Recommendations for establishing a permanent program for  
12 physicians' assistants.

13 In developing criteria for program approval and approval of appli-  
14 cations to utilize physician's assistants and in preparing its report,  
15 the board shall consult with and seek the advice of professional medi-  
16 cal organizations and specialty societies.

1 SEC. 7. **Fees.** A fee of ten dollars shall be charged for each appli-  
2 cation to the board by a physician to supervise each physician's as-  
3 sistant. A fee of fifty dollars shall be charged for each approval  
4 initially granted by the board. Approval shall be limited to one  
5 year. The board may renew an application, and a fee of twenty-five  
6 dollars shall be paid for such renewal. A fee of fifty dollars shall  
7 be charged to each applicant seeking program approval by the board.

8 Fees required by this section shall be remitted by one department  
9 in the name of the board to the treasurer of state and deposited by  
10 him in the state board of medical examiners fund. Such fees shall  
11 be used to finance the provisions of this Act and shall be subject to  
12 the provisions of section one hundred forty-seven point one hundred  
13 three (147.103) of the Code. However, the fees required by this  
14 Act shall not be included in computing the remainder in excess of  
15 twenty-five thousand dollars in the state board of medical examiners  
16 fund as provided in section one hundred forty-seven point one hun-  
17 dred three (147.103) of the Code, and such fees shall not revert to  
18 the general fund of the state.

1 SEC. 8. **Regulations.** Regulations adopted by the board to im-  
2 plement the provisions of this Act shall be designed to encourage the  
3 utilization of physicians' assistants in a manner that is consistent  
4 with the provision of quality health care and medical services for  
5 the citizens of Iowa through better utilization of available physicians  
6 and the development of sound programs for the education and train-  
7 ing of skilled physicians' assistants well qualified to assist physicians  
8 in providing health care and medical services.

1 SEC. 9. **Right to delegate.** Nothing in this Act shall affect or  
2 limit a physician's existing right to delegate various medical tasks  
3 to aides, assistants or others acting under his supervision or direc-  
4 tion. Aides, assistants or others who perform only those tasks  
5 which can be so delegated shall not be required to qualify as physi-  
6 cians' assistants hereunder.

1 SEC. 10. No physician's assistant shall be permitted to prescribe  
2 lenses, prisms or contact lenses for the aid, relief or correction of  
3 human vision. No physician's assistant shall be permitted to meas-  
4 ure the visual power and visual efficiency of the human eye, as dis-  
5 tinguished from routine visual screening, except in the personal pres-

6 ence of a supervising physician at the place where such services are  
7 rendered.

1 SEC. 11. **Applicability of other provisions of law.** The provisions  
2 of chapter one hundred forty-seven (147) of the Code, not otherwise  
3 inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall apply to the pro-  
4 visions of this Act.

1 SEC. 12. This Act, being deemed of immediate importance, shall  
2 take effect and be in force from and after its publication in The Tele-  
3 graph-Herald, a newspaper published in Dubuque, Iowa, and in the  
4 Eldora Herald-Ledger, a newspaper published in Eldora, Iowa.

Approved April 26, 1971.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act, Senate File 78, was published in The  
Telegraph-Herald, Dubuque, Iowa, May 3, 1971, and in the Eldora Herald-Ledger,  
Eldora, Iowa, May 4, 1971.

MELVIN D. SYNHORST, *Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 138

### ADVERTISING BY CHIROPRACTORS

#### S. F. 199

AN ACT relating to prohibited advertising practices by chiropractors and providing  
a penalty therefor.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred forty-seven (147), Code 1971, is  
2 amended by adding the following new section:  
3 "The license of a chiropractor shall be placed on probation upon a  
4 showing at a hearing conducted by the board of chiropractic examiners  
5 that such licensee is guilty of false, fraudulent or misleading ad-  
6 vertising or that such licensee advertised in any publication or through  
7 any communication media the prices for which his services are avail-  
8 able. Any proceeding for the probation of a chiropractic license shall  
9 be conducted by the board of chiropractic examiners in a manner sub-  
10 stantially in accord with the provisions of section one hundred forty-  
11 eight point seven (148.7) of the Code."

Approved June 30, 1971.

## CHAPTER 139

### REGISTRATION OF ANIMALS

#### H. F. 47

AN ACT relating to the registration of animals.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section one hundred fifty-nine point six (159.6), sub-  
2 section two (2), and chapter one hundred sixty-two (162), Code 1971,  
3 are repealed.

Approved February 19, 1971.