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**HSB 683**

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_ SF B 2514  
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON BODDICKER)

Passed House, Date \_\_\_\_\_ Passed Senate, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_ Vote: Ayes \_\_\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to licensure requirements for physician  
2 assistants and providing an effective date.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 12. For the board of physician assistant examiners, three  
4 five members licensed to practice as physician assistants, at  
5 least two of whom practice in counties with a population of  
6 less than fifty thousand, one member licensed to practice  
7 medicine and surgery who supervises a physician assistant, one  
8 member licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery  
9 who supervises a physician assistant, and two members who are  
10 not licensed to practice either medicine and surgery or  
11 osteopathic medicine and surgery or licensed as a physician  
12 assistant and who shall represent the general public. At  
13 least one of the physician members shall be in practice in a  
14 county with a population of less than fifty thousand. A  
15 majority of members of the board constitutes a quorum.

16 Sec. 2. Section 147.74, subsection 16, Code Supplement  
17 1999, is amended to read as follows:

18 16. A physician assistant ~~registered-or~~ licensed under  
19 chapter 148C may use the words "physician assistant" after the  
20 person's name or signify the same by the use of the letters  
21 "P. A." after the person's name.

22 Sec. 3. Section 147.80, subsection 5, Code 1999, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 5. Application for a license to practice as a physician  
25 assistant, issuance of a license to practice as a physician  
26 assistant issued upon the basis of an examination given or  
27 approved by the board of physician assistant examiners,  
28 issuance of a license to practice as a physician assistant  
29 issued under a reciprocal agreement, renewal of a license to  
30 practice as a physician assistant, ~~temporary license to~~  
31 ~~practice as a physician assistant, registration-of-a-physician~~  
32 ~~assistant, temporary-registration-of-a-physician-assistant,~~  
33 ~~renewal-of-a-registration-of-a-physician-assistant.~~

34 Sec. 4. Section 147.107, subsection 5, Code 1999, is  
35 amended to read as follows:

1 5. Notwithstanding subsection 1 and any other provision of  
2 this section to the contrary, a physician may delegate the  
3 function of prescribing drugs, controlled substances, and  
4 medical devices to a physician assistant licensed pursuant to  
5 chapter 148C. When delegated prescribing occurs, the  
6 supervising physician's name shall be used, recorded, or  
7 otherwise indicated in connection with each individual  
8 prescription so that the individual who dispenses or  
9 administers the prescription knows under whose delegated  
10 authority the physician assistant is prescribing. Rules  
11 relating to the authority of physician assistants to prescribe  
12 drugs, controlled substances, and medical devices pursuant to  
13 this subsection shall be adopted by the board of physician  
14 assistant examiners, after consultation with the board of  
15 medical examiners and the board of pharmacy examiners, as soon  
16 as possible after July 1, 1991. The rules shall be reviewed  
17 and approved by the physician assistant rules review group  
18 created under subsection 7 and shall be adopted in final form  
19 by January 1, 1993. However, the rules shall prohibit the  
20 prescribing of schedule II controlled substances which are  
21 listed as stimulants or depressants pursuant to chapter 124.  
22 If rules are not reviewed and approved by the physician  
23 assistant rules review group created under subsection 7 and  
24 adopted in final form by January 1, 1993, a physician  
25 assistant may prescribe drugs as a delegated act of a  
26 supervising physician under rules adopted by the board of  
27 physician assistant examiners ~~and-subject-to-the-rules-review~~  
28 ~~process-established-in-section-148E-7~~. The board of physician  
29 assistant examiners shall be the only board to regulate the  
30 practice of physician assistants relating to prescribing and  
31 supplying prescription drugs, controlled substances and  
32 medical devices, notwithstanding section 148C.6A.

33 Sec. 5. Section 148.13, subsections 1 and 4, Code 1999,  
34 are amended by striking the subsections.

35 Sec. 6. Section 148C.1, Code 1999, is amended by striking

1 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

2 148C.1 DEFINITIONS.

3 1. "Approved program" means a program for the education of  
4 physician assistants which has been accredited by the  
5 committee on accreditation of allied health educational  
6 programs, by its successor, the commission on accreditation of  
7 allied health educational programs, or by its successor.

8 2. "Board" means the board of physician assistant  
9 examiners.

10 3. "Licensed physician assistant" means a person who is  
11 licensed as a physician assistant by the board to practice  
12 medicine with the supervision of one or more physicians.

13 4. "Physician" means a person who is currently licensed in  
14 Iowa to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine  
15 and surgery, or osteopathy.

16 5. "Physician assistant" means a person who has graduated  
17 from an approved physician assistant or surgeon assistant  
18 program or a person who has passed the certifying examination  
19 administered by the national commission on certification of  
20 physician assistants or its successor.

21 Sec. 7. Section 148C.3, Code 1999, is amended by striking  
22 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

23 148C.3 LICENSURE.

24 1. The board shall adopt rules to govern the licensure of  
25 persons who qualify as physician assistants. An applicant for  
26 licensure shall submit the fee prescribed by the board and  
27 shall meet the requirements established by the board with  
28 respect to each of the following:

29 a. Academic qualifications, including evidence of  
30 graduation from an approved program. However, if the board  
31 determines that a person has sufficient knowledge and  
32 experience to qualify as a physician assistant, the board may  
33 approve an application for licensure submitted prior to July  
34 1, 2001, without requiring the applicant to have completed an  
35 approved program or to have passed the examination for

1 physician assistants conducted by the national commission on  
 2 the certification of physician assistants or its successor.  
 3 On or after July 1, 2001, a physician assistant who is not yet  
 4 licensed pursuant to this chapter shall be required to have  
 5 graduated from an approved program or to have passed the  
 6 examination for physician assistants conducted by the national  
 7 commission on the certification of physician assistants or its  
 8 successor.

9 b. Hours of continuing medical education necessary to  
 10 become or remain licensed.

11 2. Rules shall be adopted by the board pursuant to this  
 12 chapter permitting licensed physicians to supervise licensed  
 13 physician assistants.

14 3. A licensed physician assistant shall perform only those  
 15 services for which the licensed physician assistant is  
 16 qualified by training.

17 4. The board may issue an inactive license under  
 18 conditions prescribed by rules adopted by the board.

19 Sec. 8. Section 148C.4, Code 1999, is amended to read as  
 20 follows:

21 148C.4 SERVICES PERFORMED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

22 A physician assistant may perform medical services when the  
 23 services are rendered under the supervision of the a licensed  
 24 ~~physician or-physicians-specified-in-the-physician-assistant~~  
 25 ~~license-approved-by-the-board~~. A trainee physician assistant  
 26 student may perform medical services when the services are  
 27 rendered within the scope of an approved program.

28 Sec. 9. Section 148C.11, Code 1999, is amended to read as  
 29 follows:

30 148C.11 PROHIBITION -- CRIME.

31 A person not ~~registered-and~~ licensed as required by this  
 32 chapter who practices as a physician assistant ~~without-having~~  
 33 ~~obtained-the-appropriate-approval-under-this-chapter,~~ is  
 34 guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

35 Sec. 10. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS -- RULES. The board shall

1 adopt new rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer chapter  
2 148C no later than January 1, 2001. The rules shall be  
3 designed to encourage the utilization of physician assistants  
4 in a manner that is consistent with the provision of quality  
5 health care and medical services for the citizens of Iowa  
6 through better utilization of available physicians and the  
7 development of sound programs for the education and training  
8 of skilled physician assistants well qualified to assist  
9 physicians in providing health care and medical services.

10 Sec. 11. Sections 148C.2, 148C.5A, 148C.6A, and 148C.7,  
11 Code 1999, are repealed.

12 Sec. 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
13 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

14 EXPLANATION

15 This bill modifies licensure requirements for physician  
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 26 July 1, 2001, a physician assistant who is not yet licensed  
 27 will be required to have graduated from an approved program or  
 28 have passed the previously explained examination.

29 The bill further requires that the board of physician  
 30 assistant examiners adopt new rules relating to administration  
 31 of Code chapter 148C on or before January 1, 2001.

32 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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29 The bill further requires that the board of physician  
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31 of Code chapter 148C on or before January 1, 2001.

32 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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HOUSE FILE 2514

H-8350

1 Amend the amendment, H-8334, to House File 2514 as  
2 follows:  
3 1. Page 1, by inserting after line 1 the  
4 following:  
5 "\_\_\_\_\_. By striking page 1, line 34 through page 2,  
6 line 32."  
7 2. Page 1, by striking lines 10 through 12 and  
8 inserting the following:  
9 "\_\_\_\_\_. Page 4, by striking lines 11 through 13 and  
10 inserting the following:  
11 "2. Rules shall be adopted by the board pursuant  
12 to chapter 17A and section 148C.7 governing the  
13 practice of licensed physician assistants."  
14 \_\_\_\_\_. Page 5, line 10, by striking the word and  
15 figures "148C.2, 148C.5A, 148C.6A, and 148C.7" and  
16 inserting the following: "148C.5A, and 148C.6A".  
17 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By METCALF of Polk

H-8350 FILED MARCH 14, 2000

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HOUSE FILE 2514

H-8241

- 1 Amend House File 2514 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 1, by striking lines 1 through 15.
- 3 2. By renumbering as necessary.

By LORD of Dallas

H-8241 FILED MARCH 7, 2000

*Adopted*

*3-14-00*

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HOUSE FILE 2514

H-8315

- 1 Amend House File 2514 as follows:
- 2 1. Page 3, line 12, by striking the word "with"
- 3 an inserting the following: "under".
- 4 2. Page 3, line 15, by inserting after the word
- 5 "osteopathy" the following: ", and who is actively
- 6 engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery,
- 7 osteopathic medicine and surgery, or osteopathy".
- 8 3. Page 3, line 33, by striking the word "July"
- 9 and inserting the following: "January".
- 10 4. Page 4, line 3, by striking the word "July"
- 11 and inserting the following: "January".

By BRUNKHORST of Bremer

H-8315 FILED MARCH 13, 2000

*Adopted*

*3-14-00 (P. 754)*

HOUSE FILE 2514

H-8334

- 1 Amend House File 2514 as follows:
- 2 1. By striking page 3, line 35, through page 4,
- 3 line 2, and inserting the following: "approved
- 4 program."
- 5 2. Page 4, by inserting after line 8 the
- 6 following:
- 7 "aa. Evidence of passing the national commission
- 8 on certification of physician assistants examination
- 9 or its successor examination."
- 10 3. Page 4, line 13, by inserting after the word
- 11 "assistants" the following: ", in consultation with
- 12 the board of medical examiners".
- 13 4. By relettering as necessary.

By LORD of Dallas

H-8334 FILED MARCH 13, 2000

*Adopted*

*3-14-00*

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HOUSE FILE 2514

H-8347

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2 follows:

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4 following:

5 "\_\_\_\_\_. By striking page 1, line 34 through page 2,  
6 line 32."

7 2. Page 1, by striking lines 10 through 12 and  
8 inserting the following:

9 "\_\_\_\_\_. Page 4, by striking lines 11 through 13 and  
10 inserting the following:

11 "2. Rules shall be adopted by the board pursuant  
12 to chapter 17A and section 148C.7 governing the  
13 practice of licensed physician assistants."

14 \_\_\_\_\_. Page 5, line 10, by striking the word and  
15 figures "148C.6A, and 148C.7" and inserting the  
16 following: "and 148C.6A".

17 3. By renumbering as necessary.

By METCALF of Polk

H-8347, FILED MARCH 14, 2000

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*3/14/00 (p. 755)*

HOUSE FILE 2514

H-8348

1 Amend the amendment, H-8334, to House File 2514 as  
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 12, by striking the word  
4 "examiners" and inserting the following: "examiners.  
5 The rules shall provide that a physician assistant  
6 shall only be supervised by a physician licensed by  
7 and residing in the state of licensure of the  
8 physician assistant".

By METCALF of Polk

H-8348 FILED MARCH 14, 2000

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*3/14/00 (p. 755)*

HOUSE FILE 2514

H-8349

1 Amend the amendment, H-8334, to House File 2514 as  
2 follows:

3 1. Page 1, line 12, by striking the word  
4 "examiners" and inserting the following: "examiners.  
5 The rules shall provide that no more than two  
6 physician assistants shall be supervised by a  
7 physician at one time".

By METCALF of Polk

H-8349 FILED MARCH 14, 2000

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HOUSE FILE 2514  
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 683)

(As Amended and Passed by the House, March 14, 2000)

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House Amendments \_\_\_\_\_

Deleted Language \*

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1 Section 1. Section 147.74, subsection 16, Code Supplement  
2 1999, is amended to read as follows:

3 16. A physician assistant ~~registered-or~~ licensed under  
4 chapter 148C may use the words "physician assistant" after the  
5 person's name or signify the same by the use of the letters  
6 "P. A." after the person's name.

7 Sec. 2. Section 147.80, subsection 5, Code 1999, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9 5. Application for a license to practice as a physician  
10 assistant, issuance of a license to practice as a physician  
11 assistant issued upon the basis of an examination given or  
12 approved by the board of physician assistant examiners,  
13 issuance of a license to practice as a physician assistant  
14 issued under a reciprocal agreement, renewal of a license to  
15 practice as a physician assistant, temporary license to  
16 practice as a physician assistant~~7-registration-of-a-physician~~  
17 ~~assistant7-temporary-registration-of-a-physician-assistant7~~  
18 ~~renewal-of-a-registration-of-a-physician-assistant.~~

19 Sec. 3. Section 147.107, subsection 5, Code 1999, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 5. Notwithstanding subsection 1 and any other provision of  
22 this section to the contrary, a physician may delegate the  
23 function of prescribing drugs, controlled substances, and  
24 medical devices to a physician assistant licensed pursuant to  
25 chapter 148C. When delegated prescribing occurs, the  
26 supervising physician's name shall be used, recorded, or  
27 otherwise indicated in connection with each individual  
28 prescription so that the individual who dispenses or  
29 administers the prescription knows under whose delegated  
30 authority the physician assistant is prescribing. Rules  
31 relating to the authority of physician assistants to prescribe  
32 drugs, controlled substances, and medical devices pursuant to  
33 this subsection shall be adopted by the board of physician  
34 assistant examiners, after consultation with the board of  
35 medical examiners and the board of pharmacy examiners, as soon

1 as possible after July 1, 1991. The rules shall be reviewed  
2 and approved by the physician assistant rules review group  
3 created under subsection 7 and shall be adopted in final form  
4 by January 1, 1993. However, the rules shall prohibit the  
5 prescribing of schedule II controlled substances which are  
6 listed as stimulants or depressants pursuant to chapter 124.  
7 If rules are not reviewed and approved by the physician  
8 assistant rules review group created under subsection 7 and  
9 adopted in final form by January 1, 1993, a physician  
10 assistant may prescribe drugs as a delegated act of a  
11 supervising physician under rules adopted by the board of  
12 physician assistant examiners ~~and subject to the rules review~~  
13 ~~process established in section 148E-7~~. The board of physician  
14 assistant examiners shall be the only board to regulate the  
15 practice of physician assistants relating to prescribing and  
16 supplying prescription drugs, controlled substances and  
17 medical devices, notwithstanding section 148C.6A.

18 Sec. 4. Section 148.13, subsections 1 and 4, Code 1999,  
19 are amended by striking the subsections.

20 Sec. 5. Section 148C.1, Code 1999, is amended by striking  
21 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

22 148C.1 DEFINITIONS.

23 1. "Approved program" means a program for the education of  
24 physician assistants which has been accredited by the  
25 committee on accreditation of allied health educational  
26 programs, by its successor, the commission on accreditation of  
27 allied health educational programs, or by its successor.

28 2. "Board" means the board of physician assistant  
29 examiners.

30 3. "Licensed physician assistant" means a person who is  
31 licensed as a physician assistant by the board to practice  
32 medicine under the supervision of one or more physicians.

33 4. "Physician" means a person who is currently licensed in  
34 Iowa to practice medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine  
35 and surgery, or osteopathy, and who is actively engaged in the

1 practice of medicine and surgery, osteopathic medicine and  
2 surgery, or osteopathy.

3 5. "Physician assistant" means a person who has graduated  
4 from an approved physician assistant or surgeon assistant  
5 program or a person who has passed the certifying examination  
6 administered by the national commission on certification of  
7 physician assistants or its successor.

8 Sec. 6. Section 148C.3, Code 1999, is amended by striking  
9 the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

10 148C.3 LICENSURE.

11 1. The board shall adopt rules to govern the licensure of  
12 persons who qualify as physician assistants. An applicant for  
13 licensure shall submit the fee prescribed by the board and  
14 shall meet the requirements established by the board with  
15 respect to each of the following:

16 a. Academic qualifications, including evidence of  
17 graduation from an approved program. However, if the board  
18 determines that a person has sufficient knowledge and  
19 experience to qualify as a physician assistant, the board may  
20 approve an application for licensure submitted prior to  
21 January 1, 2001, without requiring the applicant to have  
22 completed an approved program. On or after January 1, 2001, a  
23 physician assistant who is not yet licensed pursuant to this  
24 chapter shall be required to have graduated from an approved  
25 program or to have passed the examination for physician  
26 assistants conducted by the national commission on the  
27 certification of physician assistants or its successor.

28 b. Evidence of passing the national commission on  
29 certification of physician assistants examination or its  
30 successor examination.

31 c. Hours of continuing medical education necessary to  
32 become or remain licensed.

33 2. Rules shall be adopted by the board pursuant to this  
34 chapter permitting licensed physicians to supervise licensed  
35 physician assistants, in consultation with the board of

1 medical examiners.

2 3. A licensed physician assistant shall perform only those  
3 services for which the licensed physician assistant is  
4 qualified by training.

5 4. The board may issue an inactive license under  
6 conditions prescribed by rules adopted by the board.

7 Sec. 7. Section 148C.4, Code 1999, is amended to read as  
8 follows:

9 148C.4 SERVICES PERFORMED BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

10 A physician assistant may perform medical services when the  
11 services are rendered under the supervision of the a licensed  
12 physician or-physicians-specified-in-the-physician-assistant  
13 license-approved-by-the-board. A trainee physician assistant  
14 student may perform medical services when the services are  
15 rendered within the scope of an approved program.

16 Sec. 8. Section 148C.11, Code 1999, is amended to read as  
17 follows:

18 148C.11 PROHIBITION -- CRIME.

19 A person not ~~registered-and~~ licensed as required by this  
20 chapter who practices as a physician assistant ~~without-having~~  
21 ~~obtained-the-appropriate-approval-under-this-chapter,~~ is  
22 guilty of a serious misdemeanor.

23 Sec. 9. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS -- RULES. The board shall  
24 adopt new rules pursuant to chapter 17A to administer chapter  
25 148C no later than January 1, 2001. The rules shall be  
26 designed to encourage the utilization of physician assistants  
27 in a manner that is consistent with the provision of quality  
28 health care and medical services for the citizens of Iowa  
29 through better utilization of available physicians and the  
30 development of sound programs for the education and training  
31 of skilled physician assistants well qualified to assist  
32 physicians in providing health care and medical services.

33 Sec. 10. Sections 148C.2, 148C.5A, 148C.6A, and 148C.7,  
34 Code 1999, are repealed.

35 Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of

1 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

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