

Adopted Rejected

COMMITTEE REPORT

YES: 9
NO: 3

MR. SPEAKER:

*Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1403, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:*

- 1 Page 2, after line 32, begin a new paragraph and insert:
- 2 "SECTION 3. IC 25-27.5-1-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. This article does not
- 4 apply to the following:
- 5 (1) A physician assistant trainee or a student enrolled in a
- 6 physician assistant or a surgeon assistant educational program
- 7 accredited by the CAHEA, **CAAHEP, or a successor agency.**
- 8 (2) A physician assistant employed in the service of the federal
- 9 government while performing duties incident to that employment.
- 10 (3) A health care professional, technician, ~~and~~ **or** other assistant
- 11 or employee of a physician who performs delegated tasks in the
- 12 office of a physician but who does not render services as a
- 13 physician assistant or profess to be a physician assistant.
- 14 SECTION 4. IC 25-27.5-2-1.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA

1 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 1.5 "Administer a drug" means**
 3 **the direct application of a drug, whether by injection, inhalation,**
 4 **ingestion, or any other means to the body of a patient.**

5 SECTION 5. IC 25-27.5-2-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 6 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2. "Approved program"
 7 means a physician assistant or a surgeon assistant program accredited
 8 by CAHEA, **CAAHEP, or a successor agency.**

9 SECTION 6. IC 25-27.5-2-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 10 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 11 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 4.5. "CAAHEP" refers to the**
 12 **Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education**
 13 **Programs.**

14 SECTION 7. IC 25-27.5-2-7.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 15 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 16 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 7.3 "Dispense" means issuing one**
 17 **(1) or more doses of a drug in a suitable container with appropriate**
 18 **labeling for subsequent administration to, or use by, a patient or**
 19 **issuing medical devices.**

20 SECTION 8. IC 25-27.5-2-10 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 21 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 10. "Physician
 22 assistant" means an individual who has:

- 23 (1) graduated from a physician assistant or a surgeon assistant
 24 program accredited by the CAHEA, **CAAHEP, or a successor**
 25 **agency; and**
 26 (2) passed the certifying examination **administered by the**
 27 **NCCPA** and maintains certification by the NCCPA; **and**
 28 **(3) been licensed by the committee.**

29 SECTION 9. IC 25-27.5-2-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 14. "Supervision"
 31 means that ~~the supervising physician or the physician designee~~
 32 **overseeing the activities of and** accepting responsibility for the
 33 physician assistant ~~must be either physically present or immediately~~
 34 ~~available for consultation at all times that services are rendered or tasks~~
 35 ~~are performed by the physician assistant. The term includes the use of~~
 36 ~~protocols, guidelines, and standing orders developed or approved by~~
 37 ~~the supervising physician. while the physician assistant is rendering~~
 38 **medical services. The constant physical presence of the supervising**

1 **physician is not required if the supervising physician (or the**
 2 **physician designee) can be physically present with the patient**
 3 **within a reasonable period of time. The term includes the use of**
 4 **protocols, guidelines, and standing orders developed or approved**
 5 **by the supervising physician.**

6 SECTION 10. IC 25-27.5-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 7 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2. (a) The committee
 8 consists of five (5) members appointed by the governor for terms of
 9 three (3) years.

10 (b) The committee must include the following:

11 (1) Three (3) physician assistants who:

12 (A) are residents of Indiana;

13 (B) have at least three (3) years experience as physician
 14 assistants; and

15 (C) are ~~certified~~ **licensed** under this article.

16 (2) A physician licensed under IC 25-22.5 who:

17 (A) is familiar with the practice of physician assistants; **and**

18 (B) **is a resident of Indiana.**

19 (3) An individual who:

20 (A) is a resident of Indiana; and

21 (B) is not associated with physician assistants in any way other
 22 than as a consumer.

23 SECTION 11. IC 25-27.5-3-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 24 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 5. The committee shall
 25 do the following:

26 (1) Consider the qualifications of individuals who apply for
 27 ~~certificates~~ **licensure** under this article.

28 (2) Provide for examinations required under this article.

29 (3) ~~Certify~~ **License** qualified individuals.

30 (4) Propose rules to the board concerning the competent practice
 31 of physician assistants and the administration of this article.

32 (5) Recommend to the board the amounts of fees required under
 33 this article.

34 SECTION 12. IC 25-27.5-3-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. (a) After considering
 36 the committee's proposed rules, the board shall adopt rules under
 37 IC 4-22-2 establishing standards for the following:

38 (1) The competent practice of physician assistants.

1 (2) The renewal of ~~certificates~~ **licenses** issued under this article.

2 (3) Standards for the administration of this article.

3 (b) After considering the committee's recommendations for fees, the
4 board shall establish fees under IC 25-1-8-2.

5 SECTION 13. IC 25-27.5-3-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
6 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
7 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 9. In the event of a vacancy on the**
8 **committee, the governor shall appoint a successor to complete the**
9 **unexpired term.**

10 SECTION 14. IC 25-27.5-3-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
11 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
12 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 10. A member may not serve**
13 **more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms and each**
14 **member shall serve on the committee until a successor is**
15 **appointed.**

16 SECTION 15. IC 25-27.5-3-11 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
17 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
18 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 11. The committee shall elect a**
19 **chairperson and a secretary from among its members at the**
20 **committee's first meeting of each fiscal year. The committee shall**
21 **meet on a regular basis. A committee meeting may be called upon**
22 **reasonable notice at the discretion of the chairperson and shall be**
23 **called at any time upon reasonable notice by a petition of three (3)**
24 **committee members to the chairperson.**

25 SECTION 16. IC 25-27.5-4-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 1. An individual must**
27 **be certified licensed** by the committee before the individual may
28 practice as a physician assistant. The committee may grant a ~~certificate~~
29 **license** as a physician assistant to an applicant who does the following:

30 (1) Submits an application on forms approved by the committee.

31 (2) Pays the fee established by the board.

32 (3) Has:

33 (A) successfully completed an educational program for
34 physician assistants or surgeon assistants accredited by the
35 CAHEA, CAAHEP, or a successor agency; and

36 (B) ~~has~~ passed the Physician Assistant National Certifying
37 Examination administered by the NCCPA ~~or other~~
38 ~~examination approved by the committee and maintains~~

1 **current NCCPA certification.**

2 (4) Submits to the committee any other information the committee
3 ~~requires~~ **considers necessary** to evaluate the applicant's
4 qualifications.

5 (5) Presents satisfactory evidence to the committee that the
6 individual has not been:

7 (A) engaged in an act that would constitute grounds for a
8 disciplinary sanction under IC 25-1-9; ~~and or~~

9 (B) the subject of a disciplinary action by a licensing or
10 certification agency of another state or jurisdiction on the
11 grounds that the individual was not able to practice as a
12 physician assistant without endangering the public.

13 SECTION 17. IC 25-27.5-4-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2. The committee may
15 refuse to issue a ~~certificate license~~ or may issue a probationary
16 ~~certificate license~~ to an individual if:

17 (1) the individual has been disciplined by an administrative
18 agency in another jurisdiction or been convicted for a crime that
19 has a direct bearing on the individual's ability to practice
20 competently; and

21 (2) the committee determines that the act for which the individual
22 was disciplined or convicted has a direct bearing on the
23 individual's ability to practice as a physician assistant.

24 SECTION 18. IC 25-27.5-4-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 3. (a) If the committee
26 issues a probationary ~~certificate license~~ under section 2 of this chapter,
27 the committee may require the individual who holds the ~~certificate~~
28 **license** to meet at least one (1) of the following conditions:

29 (1) Report regularly to the committee upon a matter that is the
30 basis for the probation.

31 (2) Limit practice to areas prescribed by the committee.

32 (3) Continue or renew professional education.

33 (4) Engage in community service without compensation for a
34 number of hours specified by the committee.

35 **(5) Submit to the care, counseling, or treatment of a physician**
36 **or physicians designated by the committee.**

37 (b) The committee shall remove a limitation placed on a
38 probationary ~~certificate license~~ if, after a hearing, the committee finds

- 1 that the deficiency that caused the limitation has been remedied.
- 2 SECTION 19. IC 25-27.5-4-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
- 3 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 4. (a) The committee
- 4 may grant temporary ~~certification~~ **licensure** to an applicant who:
- 5 (1) meets the qualifications for ~~certification~~ **licensure** under
- 6 section 1 of this chapter except:
- 7 (A) for the taking of the **next scheduled** NCCPA examination;
- 8 or
- 9 (B) if the applicant has taken the NCCPA examination and is
- 10 awaiting the results; or
- 11 (2) meets the qualifications for ~~certification~~ **licensure** under
- 12 section 1 of this chapter but is awaiting the next scheduled
- 13 meeting of the committee.
- 14 (b) A temporary ~~certification license~~ is valid until: ~~the earliest of the~~
- 15 ~~following:~~
- 16 (1) the results of an applicant's examination are available; **and**
- 17 (2) the committee makes a final decision on the applicant's
- 18 request for ~~certification~~ **licensure**.
- 19 (c) **The temporary license is immediately revoked upon notice**
- 20 **to the health professions bureau that the temporary license holder**
- 21 **has failed the exam. The committee may extend a temporary**
- 22 **license at its terms and discretion by a majority vote of the**
- 23 **committee.**
- 24 (c) ~~(d)~~ A physician assistant practicing under a temporary ~~certificate~~
- 25 **license** must practice with onsite physician supervision. ~~and;~~
- 26 ~~notwithstanding IC 25-27.5-5-4, may not dispense drugs or medical~~
- 27 ~~devices.~~
- 28 (d) ~~(e)~~ A physician assistant who notifies the board in writing may
- 29 elect to:
- 30 (1) place the physician assistant's ~~certification~~ **licensure** on an
- 31 inactive status **if previously employed by a supervising**
- 32 **physician; or**
- 33 (2) **apply for an inactive license if not currently employed at**
- 34 **the time of initial application.**
- 35 (f) **A physician assistant with an inactive license shall be excused**
- 36 **from payment of renewal fees and may not practice as a physician**
- 37 **assistant.**
- 38 (g) **A licensee who engages in practice while the licensee's license**

1 **is lapsed or on inactive status shall be considered to be practicing**
 2 **without a license which is grounds for discipline under IC 25-1-9.**

3 SECTION 20. IC 25-27.5-4-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 4 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 5. (a) A **certificate**
 5 **license** issued by the committee expires on a date established by the
 6 health professions bureau under IC 25-1-5-4 in the next even-numbered
 7 year following the year in which the **certificate license** was issued.

8 (b) An individual may renew a **certificate license** by paying a
 9 renewal fee on or before the expiration date of the **certificate license**.

10 (c) If an individual fails to pay a renewal **fee** on or before the
 11 expiration date of a **certificate license**, the **certificate license** becomes
 12 invalid.

13 SECTION 21. IC 25-27.5-4-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 14 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 6. (a) The committee
 15 may reinstate an invalid **certificate license** up to three (3) years after
 16 the expiration date of the **certificate license** if the individual holding
 17 the invalid **certificate license**:

18 (1) pays a penalty fee for late renewal; and

19 (2) pays the renewal fee under section 5(b) of this chapter.

20 (b) If more than three (3) years have elapsed since the date a
 21 **certificate license** expired, the individual holding the **certificate license**
 22 may renew the **certificate license** by satisfying the requirements for
 23 renewal established by the board.

24 SECTION 22. IC 25-27.5-4-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 25 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 7. (a) An individual
 26 who is **certified licensed** under this chapter shall notify the committee
 27 in writing when the individual retires from practice.

28 (b) Upon receipt of the notice, the committee shall:

29 (1) record the fact the individual is retired; and

30 (2) release the individual from further payment of renewal fees.

31 SECTION 23. IC 25-27.5-4-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 32 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 8. (a) If an individual
 33 surrenders a **certificate license** to the committee, the committee may
 34 reinstate the **certificate license** upon written request by the individual.

35 (b) If the committee reinstates a **certificate license**, the committee
 36 may impose conditions on the **certificate license** appropriate to the
 37 reinstatement.

38 (c) An individual may not surrender a **certificate license** without

1 written approval by the committee if a disciplinary proceeding under
2 this article is pending against the individual.

3 SECTION 24. IC 25-27.5-4-9 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
4 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 9. The committee may reinstate
6 a physician assistant's inactive license if the physician assistant
7 requesting reinstatement pays the current renewal fee.**

8 SECTION 25. IC 25-27.5-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. **(a)** This chapter does
10 not apply to the practice of other health care professionals set forth
11 under IC 25-22.5-1-2(a)(1) through IC 25-22.5-1-2(a)(19).

12 **(b) This chapter does not allow the independent practice by a
13 physician assistant of any of the activities of other health care
14 professionals set forth under IC 25-22.5-1-2(a)(1) through
15 IC 25-22.5-1-2(a)(19).**

16 SECTION 26. IC 25-27.5-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2. A physician assistant
18 must engage in a dependent practice with physician supervision. A
19 physician assistant may perform the duties and responsibilities,
20 **including the prescribing and dispensing of drugs and medical
21 devices**, that are delegated by the supervising physician.

22 SECTION 27. IC 25-27.5-5-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 4. **(a) The board may
24 adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to determine the appropriate use of
25 prescription drugs by a physician assistant. A physician assistant may
26 prescribe, dispense, and administer drugs and medical devices or
27 services to the extent delegated by the supervising physician.**

28 **(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a physician assistant may
29 not prescribe, dispense, or administer ophthalmic devices including
30 glasses, contacts, and low vision devices.**

31 **(c)** As permitted by the board, a physician assistant may use or
32 dispense only drugs prescribed or approved by the supervising
33 physician. **Prescription and administration of drugs may include:**

34 **(1) all legend drugs that have been approved by the
35 supervising physician; and**

36 **(2) not more than a seven (7) day supply of scheduled
37 substances as listed under IC 35-48-2 that have been approved
38 by the supervising physician.**

1 (c) **(d)** Notwithstanding subsection (b), a physician assistant may
 2 not dispense a scheduled substance listed under IC 35-48-2. **Physician**
 3 **assistants may request, receive, and sign for professional samples**
 4 **and may distribute professional samples to patients if the samples**
 5 **are within the scope of the physician assistant's prescribing**
 6 **privileges delegated by the supervising physician.**

7 SECTION 28. IC 25-27.5-5-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 8 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 5. A physician assistant
 9 **certified licensed** under IC 25-27.5 shall:

- 10 (1) keep the physician assistant's **certificate license** available for
 11 inspection at the primary place of business; and
 12 (2) when engaged in the physician assistant's professional
 13 activities, wear a name tag identifying the individual as a
 14 physician assistant.

15 SECTION 29. IC 25-27.5-5-6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
 16 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 17 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 6. (a) A supervising physician**
 18 **may delegate authority to a physician assistant to prescribe:**

- 19 (1) **legend drugs;**
 20 (2) **not more than a seven (7) day supply of controlled**
 21 **substances (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9) at one (1) time; and**
 22 (3) **medical devices except ophthalmic devices including**
 23 **glasses, contacts, and low vision devices.**

24 **(b) Any prescribing authority delegated to a physician assistant**
 25 **must be expressly delegated in writing by the physician assistant's**
 26 **supervising physician.**

27 **(c) A physician assistant who is delegated the authority to**
 28 **prescribe legend drugs or medical devices must do the following:**

- 29 (1) **Enter on each prescription form that the physician**
 30 **assistant uses to prescribe a legend drug or medical device:**
 31 **(A) the signature of the physician assistant;**
 32 **(B) the initials indicating the credentials awarded to the**
 33 **physician assistant by the NCCPA; and**
 34 **(C) the physician assistant's state license number.**

- 35 (2) **Comply with all applicable state and federal laws**
 36 **concerning prescriptions for legend drugs and medical**
 37 **devices.**

38 **(d) A supervising physician may delegate to a physician**

1 assistant the authority to prescribe only legend drugs and medical
2 devices that are within the scope of practice of the licensed
3 supervising physician or the physician designee.

4 (e) A physician assistant who is delegated the authority to
5 prescribe controlled substances under subsection (a) must do the
6 following:

7 (1) Obtain an Indiana controlled substance registration and
8 a federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration.

9 (2) Enter on each prescription form that the physician
10 assistant uses to prescribe a controlled substance:

11 (A) the signature of the physician assistant;

12 (B) the initials indicating the credentials awarded to the
13 physician assistant by the NCCPA;

14 (C) the physician assistant's state license number; and

15 (D) the physician assistant's federal DEA number.

16 (3) Comply with all applicable state and federal laws
17 concerning prescriptions for controlled substances.

18 (f) A supervising physician may delegate to a physician assistant
19 the authority to prescribe only controlled substances that are
20 within the scope of practice of the licensed supervising physician or
21 the physician designee.

22 SECTION 30. IC 25-27.5-6-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
23 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. (a) Supervision by
24 the supervising physician or the physician designee must be continuous
25 but does not require the physical presence of the supervising physician
26 at the time and the place that the services are rendered.

27 (b) A supervising physician or physician designee shall review all
28 patient encounters not later than ~~twenty-four (24) hours~~ **two (2)**
29 **working days** after the physician assistant has seen the patient. **This**
30 **section does not prohibit the rendering of services by a physician**
31 **assistant in a setting geographically remote from the supervising**
32 **physician if the supervising physician or physician designee can be**
33 **physically present within a reasonable period of time.**

34 SECTION 31. IC 25-27.5-6-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
35 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 2. A physician may
36 **employ more than two (2) physician assistants but may not**
37 **supervise not more than two (2) physician assistants at any given time.**

38 SECTION 32. IC 25-27.5-6-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS

1 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 5. (a) Before initiating
2 practice, the supervising physician and the physician assistant must
3 submit, on forms approved by the board, the following information:

4 (1) The name, the business address, and the telephone number of
5 the supervising physician.

6 (2) The name, the business address, and the telephone number of
7 the physician assistant.

8 (3) A brief description of **the extent to which and** the setting in
9 which the physician assistant will practice.

10 (4) Any other information required by the board.

11 (b) A physician assistant must notify the board of any changes or
12 additions in practice sites or supervising physicians not more than
13 thirty (30) days after the change or addition.

14 (c) **The board shall notify the committee of all information
15 received from each supervising physician and physician assistant
16 under this section. The board shall also notify the committee of any
17 changes or additions made under this section.**

18 SECTION 33. IC 25-27.5-6.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
19 CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS
20 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]:

21 **Chapter 6.3. Certification of Health Status**

22 **Sec. 1. A physician assistant may be delegated the ability to:**

23 (1) **evaluate and sign forms that certify the health status of
24 patients by the supervising physician, including school
25 physicals, employment physicals, and handicap parking
26 permits; and**

27 (2) **authenticate with a signature any form that may be
28 authenticated by the supervising physician's signature.**

29 SECTION 34. IC 25-27.5-6.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
30 CODE AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS
31 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]:

32 **Chapter 6.5. Participation in Disaster and Emergency Care**

33 **Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to medical assistance
34 provided at a hospital, physician's office, or other health care
35 facility where medical services are normally provided.**

36 **Sec. 2. (a) A physician assistant licensed in this state or licensed
37 or authorized to practice in another state who is responding to a
38 need for medical care created by an emergency or a state or local**

1 disaster may render care that the physician assistant is able to
 2 provide without supervision, as defined in IC 25-27.5-6, or with
 3 supervision as is available. For purposes of this chapter, an
 4 emergency or state or local disaster does not include an emergency
 5 situation that occurs in the place of one's employment.

6 (b) A physician assistant who:

7 (1) is licensed in this state or licensed or authorized to practice
 8 in another state;

9 (2) voluntarily and gratuitously provides medical care during
 10 an emergency in this state; and

11 (3) provides that care without a supervising physician being
 12 present;

13 is not liable for civil damages for any personal injuries that result
 14 from acts or omissions by the physician assistant providing the
 15 emergency medical care unless such acts or omissions constitute
 16 gross, willful, or wanton negligence.

17 Sec. 3. A physician who voluntarily and gratuitously supervises
 18 a physician assistant who is voluntarily and gratuitously providing
 19 emergency medical care is not:

20 (1) required to meet the requirements for an approved
 21 supervising physician under IC 25-27.5-6; or

22 (2) liable for civil damages for any personal injuries that
 23 result from acts or omissions by the physician assistant
 24 providing emergency medical care.

25 SECTION 35. IC 25-27.5-7-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
 26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: Sec. 1. (a) An individual
 27 may not:

28 (1) profess to be a physician assistant;

29 (2) use the title "physician assistant", including the use of the title
 30 by a physician who is not licensed under IC 25-22.5; or

31 (3) use the initials "P.A." or any other words, letters,
 32 abbreviations, or insignia indicating or implying that the
 33 individual is a physician assistant ~~certified~~ **licensed** under this
 34 article; or

35 (4) practice as a physician assistant;

36 unless the individual is ~~certified~~ **licensed** under this article.

37 (b) ~~However~~ Use of the initials "PA" by a public accountant who is
 38 authorized to use the initials "PA" by IC 25-2.1-12-6 is not a violation

1 of this section.

2 SECTION 36. IC 25-27.5-7-4 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
3 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 4. The committee shall establish
5 and administer a program for the rehabilitation of physician
6 assistants whose competency is impaired due to the abuse of drugs
7 or alcohol. The committee may contract with any state agency or
8 private corporation to perform duties under this section. The
9 program shall be similar to that available to other health
10 professionals in this state.**

11 SECTION 37. IC 34-30-2-101.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
12 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
13 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999]: **Sec. 101.5. IC 25-27.5-6.5 (concerning
14 actions of a physician assistant and a supervising physician in an
15 emergency situation).**

16 SECTION 38. IC 25-27.5-3-7 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY
17 1, 1999]."

18 Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
(Reference is to HB 1403 as introduced.)

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

Representative Brown C