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BILL ANALYSIS



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Senate Bill 1145 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Jim Marleau
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Public Health Code to do the following:

- Eliminate language in Parts 170 (Medicine), 175 (Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery), and 180 (Podiatric Medicine and Surgery) restricting the number of physician's assistants (PAs) a physician or podiatrist may supervise, and instead prohibit a physician or podiatrist from supervising more PAs than he or she could supervise adequately.
- Require a supervising physician or podiatrist who was absent to provide for appropriate supervision of a PA by another physician or podiatrist who was authorized to supervise that PA.
- Revise provisions in Parts 170 and 175 related to the rules for a physician's delegation of drug prescription to a PA.
- Include in Part 175 language that exists in Part 170 regarding the delegation of other duties to a PA.

The Code authorizes the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery to promulgate rules for a supervising physician's delegation to a PA of the function of prescribing drugs. Under the bills, this authority would be subject to related provisions of the Code.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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