

# SENATE BILL No. 1081

April 19, 2012, Introduced by Senators HOPGOOD, SCHUITMAKER and NOFS and referred to the Committee on Health Policy.

A bill to amend 1978 PA 368, entitled "Public health code," by amending sections 17062 and 17064 (MCL 333.17062 and 333.17064), as amended by 1986 PA 174.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           Sec. 17062. An applicant for licensure as a physician's  
2 assistant shall meet the requirements of section ~~16174(a)~~,  
3 **16174(1) (A), (b), and (d) and ~~be~~ MEET ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**

4           **(A) IS** a graduate of a program for the training of physician's  
5 assistants approved by the task force. ~~or be~~

6           **(B) IS** a licensed, certified, registered, approved, or other  
7 legally recognized physician's assistant in another state with  
8 qualifications substantially equivalent to those established by the  
9 task force.

10           **(C) IS A GRADUATE OF A MEDICAL SCHOOL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.**

1           Sec. 17064. (1) To determine whether an applicant for initial  
 2 licensure has the appropriate level of skill and knowledge as  
 3 required ~~by~~**UNDER** this part, the task force shall require the  
 4 applicant to submit to an examination. ~~which~~**THE EXAMINATION** shall  
 5 include those subjects the general knowledge of which is commonly  
 6 and generally required of a graduate of an accredited physician's  
 7 assistants' program in the United States.

8           **(2) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO THE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT**  
 9 **DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1):**

10           **(A)** The task force may waive the examination requirement for a  
 11 graduate of an approved program if the applicant has taken a  
 12 national examination and achieved a score acceptable to the task  
 13 force as demonstrating the level of skill and knowledge required ~~by~~  
 14 **UNDER** this part.

15           **(B)** The task force may waive the examination for an applicant  
 16 who is licensed, certified, registered, approved, or otherwise  
 17 legally recognized as a physician's assistant in another state,  
 18 ~~when~~**IF** the task force determines that the other state has  
 19 qualifications, including completion of a national or state  
 20 approved examination for physician's assistants, that are  
 21 substantially equivalent to those established ~~by~~**UNDER** this part.

22           **(3) ~~(2)~~ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OR**  
 23 **SELECTION OF THE EXAMINATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1):**

24           **(A)** The **TASK FORCE SHALL DETERMINE THE** nature of ~~an~~**THE**  
 25 examination. ~~shall be determined by the task force and may include~~  
 26 ~~the use and acceptance of national examinations where appropriate.~~  
 27 The use of examinations or the requirements for successful

1 completion shall not permit discriminatory treatment of applicants.

2 (B) THE TASK FORCE MAY ADOPT A NATIONAL EXAMINATION FOR  
3 PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (1) IF IT CONSIDERS THE USE OF THAT  
4 EXAMINATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE EXAMINATION'S RESULTS  
5 APPROPRIATE.

6 (C) THE TASK FORCE SHALL NOT USE OR ADOPT AN EXAMINATION FOR  
7 PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (1) IF AN APPLICANT DESCRIBED IN SECTION  
8 17062(C) IS INELIGIBLE TO TAKE THAT EXAMINATION BECAUSE HE OR SHE  
9 DID NOT COMPLETE A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT.

10 (4) ~~(3)~~—The task force shall provide for the recognition of  
11 the certification or experience consistent with this part acquired  
12 by physician's assistants in other states who wish to practice in  
13 this state.

14 (5) ~~(4)~~—The task force may ~~cause~~ **CONDUCT OR REQUIRE** an  
15 investigation ~~to be conducted when~~ **IF** necessary to determine the  
16 qualifications of an applicant for licensure. ~~An~~ **THE TASK FORCE MAY**  
17 **REQUIRE AN** applicant ~~may be required~~ to furnish additional  
18 documentation and information, ~~upon a determination by~~ **IF** the task  
19 force **DETERMINES** that ~~the~~ **ADDITIONAL** documentation or information  
20 is necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.