



BILL & AMENDMENT SUMMARY

Supervision of Physician Assistants HF 591

Status of Bill: House Calendar
Committee: Human Resources (passed Committee 20-0)
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Background

Over the past two years, the physicians and the physician assistants (PA) have struggled to come to an agreement on rules regarding supervision of PAs by physicians. The Legislature even required the two Boards to file joint rules, however that was unsuccessful. As a compromise, House File 591 drafted to move the process forward.

Summary

Reporting Requirements

The bill requires that if the PA Board begins a contested case hearing against a PA by delivering a statement of charges and notice of hearing to the PA, then the PA Board must deliver a copy of the statement of charges and notice of hearing to PA's supervising physician.

Rulemaking Requirements

The bill requires the PA Board to adopt administrative rules establishing specific procedures for consulting with and sharing information with the Board of Medicine regarding cases where evidence exists that a PA may have been inadequately supervised by the PA's supervising physician.

In addition, the PA Board is prohibited from amending or rescinding any administrative rules relating to supervision of a PA by a physician, unless, the PA Board consults with and receives approval from the Board of Medicine to make any submission to the Administrative Rules Coordinator.

The PA Board is prohibited from taking further action on past proposed administrative rules relating to supervision. In addition, the bill rescinds past administrative rules and amendments to rules by the Board of Medicine relating to supervision of physician assistants.

Effective Date and Applicability

This bill takes effect upon enactment and applies retroactively to July 1, 2015 in order to rescind the administrative rules changes made after that date relating to supervision of physician assistants.

Amendment

H-1193 by Heaton of Henry (R). The amendment strikes and replaces language when the PA Board must notify the Board of Medicine. The new language states that the PA Board must notify the Board of Medicine when a complaint has been made that the PA may have been inadequately supervised by the PA's supervising physician.

