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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 167
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 9, after “disaster;” insert “requiring the State Board of Physicians to review and update the list of advance duties for physician assistants;”; and after line 20, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2A–01(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 3–2A–01(f)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

On page 2, in line 17, strike “12–102(c)(2)(iv), (v), and (vi)” and substitute “12–102(a) and (c)(2)(iv), 14–306(a)”; in line 18, after “15–314(a)(41),” insert “(43), (44), and (45),”; strike in their entirety lines 22 through 26, inclusive; and after line 36, insert:

“BY adding to
Article – Health Occupations
Section 15–302.1, 15–309(c) and (d), and 15–314(a)(42), (43), and (44)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 15, strike “AND”; in lines 16, 18, 24, and 25, in each instance, strike the bracket; in lines 16 and 17, strike “delegation agreement with a primary supervising physician” and substitute “COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN”; after line 18, insert:

“Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

3–2A–01.

(a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated unless the context of their use requires otherwise.

(f) (1) “Health care provider” means a hospital, a related institution as defined in § 19–301 of the Health – General Article, a medical day care center, a hospice care program, an assisted living program, a freestanding ambulatory care facility as defined in § 19–3B–01 of the Health – General Article, a physician, A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, an osteopath, an optometrist, a chiropractor, a registered or licensed practical nurse, a dentist, a podiatrist, a psychologist, a licensed certified social worker–clinical, and a physical therapist, licensed or authorized to provide one or more health care services in Maryland.

(2) “Health care provider” does not include any nursing institution conducted by and for those who rely upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination.”;

and in lines 24 and 25, strike “with a delegation agreement approved by the State Board of Physicians” and substitute “WHO HAS AN ACTIVE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT”.

On page 4, after line 17, insert:

“(a) (1) In this section the following terms have the meanings indicated.

(2) “In the public interest” means the dispensing of drugs or devices by a licensed dentist, physician, nurse or midwife, or podiatrist to a patient when a pharmacy is not conveniently available to the patient.

(3) “Nurse or midwife” means an individual licensed or certified by the Board of Nursing under Title 8 of this article.

(4) ["Personally] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 15-302.2 OF THIS ARTICLE, “PERSONALLY preparing and dispensing” means that the licensed dentist, physician, nurse or midwife, or podiatrist:

(i) Is physically present on the premises where the prescription is filled; and

(ii) Performs a final check of the prescription before it is provided to the patient.”.

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 4 through line 3 on page 5, inclusive.

On page 5, after line 3, insert:

“14-306.

(a) [To] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTIONS (E) AND (F) OF THIS SECTION, TO the extent permitted by the rules, regulations, and orders of the Board, an individual to whom duties are delegated by a licensed physician OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT may perform those duties without a license as provided in this section.”.

(Over)

On page 6, in line 13, after “**PHYSICIANS;**” insert “AND”; and strike beginning with “**; AND**” in line 15 down through “**BOARD**” in line 16.

On page 7, in line 18, strike “**IN CONSULTATION**”; in the same line, after “**WITH**” insert “THE LEADERSHIP OF”; and in line 22, strike “**CONSULTATION**” and substitute “LEADERSHIP”.

On page 8, in line 9, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “**§ 15-302.1**”.

On page 11, in line 12, strike the bracket; and strike in their entirety lines 13 and 14 and substitute “CURRENTLY SERVING AS A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN UNDER A COLLABORATION”.

On page 12, strike in their entirety lines 9 and 10 and substitute:

“**(2) CUSTOMARY TO THE PRACTICE OF A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN; AND**”;

strike in their entirety lines 11 and 12 and substitute:

“**(3) IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT.**”.

On page 13, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 12, inclusive, and substitute:

“**(4) INTERPRETING AND EVALUATING PATIENT DATA AS AUTHORIZED BY A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT OF PATIENTS;**

(5) INITIATING REQUESTS FOR OR PERFORMING DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES AS INDICATED BY PERTINENT DATA AND AS AUTHORIZED BY A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN;;

in line 14, strike “**15-302.1**” and substitute “**15-302.2**”; strike in their entirety lines 19 through 21, inclusive; in lines 22 and 27, strike “**(11)**” and “**(13)**”, respectively, and substitute “**(10)**” and “**(12)**”, respectively; strike in their entirety lines 23 through 26, inclusive, and substitute:

“(11) DELEGATING MEDICAL ACTS TO LICENSED OR UNLICENSED PERSONNEL AS AUTHORIZED UNDER § 14-306 OF THIS ARTICLE IF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT HAS AT LEAST 7,000 HOURS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE; AND”;

and in line 28, strike “; AND”.

On page 14, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2; in line 3, strike “**AFFIDAVIT, OR ENDORSEMENT**”; in line 7, strike “**ENTER INTO A COLLABORATION**” and substitute “**COLLABORATE**”; in line 8, strike “filing” and substitute “**NOTIFYING THE BOARD OF**”; in line 11, strike “for which”; in line 12, strike “The” and substitute “**FOR WHICH THE**”; strike beginning with “and” in line 12 down through “**EXPERIENCE**” in line 15 and substitute:

“(II) THAT HAS NOT BEEN DELEGATED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT;

(III) THAT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT; AND

(IV) THAT IS NOT CUSTOMARY TO THE PRACTICE OF A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN LISTED ON THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT;

strike in their entirety lines 22 through 28, inclusive; in line 29, strike the first set of brackets; and in the same line, strike “(G)”.

On page 15, in line 5, strike “(h)” and substitute “**(G)**”; in line 18, strike “SUBMITTING A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT TO THE BOARD” and substitute “**PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE BOARD, IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE BOARD, OF:**

(1) THE EXECUTED COLLABORATION AGREEMENT; AND

(2) EACH PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN LISTED ON THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT;

in lines 19 and 20, strike “SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A” and substitute “**A**”; and in line 22, after the bracket insert “**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AND THE**”.

On page 16, strike in their entirety lines 23 through 30, inclusive; and in line 31, strike “(3)” and substitute “**(2)**”.

On pages 17 through 21, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 17 through line 2 on page 21, inclusive, and substitute:

“(C) IF THE BOARD DETERMINES THAT A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IS PRACTICING IN A MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE OR TITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE BOARD ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE OR ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE MAY

DEMAND MODIFICATION OF THE PRACTICE, WITHDRAW THE APPROVAL OF AN ADVANCED DUTY REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE ADVANCED DUTY REQUIRES PRIOR APPROVAL UNDER THIS SECTION, OR REFER THE MATTER TO A DISCIPLINARY PANEL FOR THE PURPOSE OF TAKING OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION UNDER § 14-404 OF THIS ARTICLE OR § 15-314 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(D) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN MAY NOT DELEGATE MEDICAL ACTS UNDER A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT TO MORE THAN EIGHT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AT ANY ONE TIME.

(2) A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN MAY DELEGATE MEDICAL ACTS UNDER A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT TO MORE THAN EIGHT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN:

(I) A HOSPITAL;

(II) A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY;

(III) A DETENTION CENTER; OR

(IV) A PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY.

(E) A PERSON MAY NOT COERCE ANOTHER PERSON TO ENTER INTO A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(F) SUBJECT TO THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER § 15-103 OF THIS TITLE, A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY TERMINATE A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AT ANY TIME.

(Over)

(G) (1) IN THE EVENT OF A SUDDEN DEPARTURE, INCAPACITY, OR DEATH OF A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN, OR CHANGE IN LICENSE STATUS THAT RESULTS IN A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN BEING UNABLE TO LEGALLY PRACTICE MEDICINE, THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WILL REMAIN ACTIVE AND VALID UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF ANY REMAINING LISTED PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIANS.

(2) IF THERE IS NO REMAINING PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN LISTED ON THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT, THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY NOT PRACTICE UNTIL THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT HAS EXECUTED A NEW COLLABORATION AGREEMENT AND, IF APPLICABLE, HAS BOARD APPROVAL TO PERFORM ANY ADVANCED DUTIES DELEGATED TO THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT UNDER THE NEW COLLABORATION AGREEMENT.

(3) THE BOARD MAY TERMINATE A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT IF:

(I) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT HAS A CHANGE IN LICENSE STATUS THAT RESULTS IN THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT BEING UNABLE TO LEGALLY PRACTICE AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT; OR

(II) IMMEDIATELY AFTER AN EVENT LISTED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THERE IS NO REMAINING PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN LISTED IN THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT.

(H) A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHOSE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED MAY NOT PRACTICE AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT UNTIL THE

PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT EXECUTES A NEW COLLABORATION AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(I) A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY PRACTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

(J) A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN MAY BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT BY PROVIDING NOTIFICATION TO THE BOARD.

(K) THE BOARD MAY MODIFY A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT IF IT FINDS THAT:

(1) THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

(2) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IS UNABLE TO PERFORM THE DELEGATED DUTIES SAFELY.

(L) A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT THE PRACTICE SETTING AND MADE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD ON REQUEST.

(M) A LICENSED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS IS SUBJECT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY AS ESTABLISHED IN REGULATIONS.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 22, after line 3, insert:

“15-302.1.

(Over)

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “EXEMPT FACILITY” MEANS:

(1) A HOSPITAL;

(2) AN AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITY;

(3) A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER; OR

**(4) ANOTHER PRACTICE SETTING LISTED ON A HOSPITAL
DELINEATION OF PRIVILEGES DOCUMENT.**

**(B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, A
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY PERFORM ADVANCED DUTIES WITHOUT BOARD
APPROVAL IF THE ADVANCED DUTY WILL BE PERFORMED IN AN EXEMPT
FACILITY AND:**

**(1) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IS SUPERVISED BY A PHYSICIAN
WITH CREDENTIALS THAT HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY THE EXEMPT FACILITY AS A
CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OR AS A
MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL STAFF;**

**(2) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT HAS CREDENTIALS THAT HAVE
BEEN REVIEWED BY THE EXEMPT FACILITY AS A CONDITION OF EMPLOYMENT AS
AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR OR AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL STAFF; AND**

**(3) THE ADVANCED DUTY TO BE DELEGATED TO THE PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANT IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED IN A PROCESS APPROVED BY THE**

EXEMPT FACILITY BEFORE THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PERFORMS THE ADVANCED DUTY.

(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION, A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY PERFORM ADVANCED DUTIES IN A PRACTICE SETTING THAT IS NOT AN EXEMPT FACILITY ONLY AFTER THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OBTAINS BOARD APPROVAL OF THE ADVANCED DUTY UNDER THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT.

(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY PERFORM X-RAY DUTIES AUTHORIZED UNDER § 14-306(E) OF THIS ARTICLE IN THE MEDICAL OFFICE OF A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN ONLY AFTER THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT OBTAINS BOARD APPROVAL OF THE X-RAY DUTY UNDER THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT.

(II) A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT MAY AUTHORIZE THE DELEGATION OF X-RAY DUTIES LIMITED TO NONFLUOROSCOPIC X-RAY PROCEDURES OF THE EXTREMITIES, ANTERIOR-POSTERIOR AND LATERAL, NOT INCLUDING THE HEAD.

(D) A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY NOT PERFORM THE MEDICAL ACTS OF ADMINISTERING GENERAL ANESTHESIA OR NEUROAXIAL ANESTHESIA, INCLUDING SPINAL, EPIDURAL, AND IMAGE GUIDED INTERVENTIONAL SPINE PROCEDURES.

(E) A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY PERFORM AN ADVANCED DUTY IN COLLABORATION WITH A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE BOARD IF:

(Over)

(1) THE BOARD HAS PREVIOUSLY APPROVED THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO PERFORM THE ADVANCED DUTY IN COLLABORATION WITH A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN; OR

(2) THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT HAS AT LEAST 7,000 HOURS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE.

(F) IF AN ADVANCED DUTY REQUIRES BOARD APPROVAL, THE COMMITTEE:

(1) SHALL REVIEW THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT;

(2) MAY CONDUCT A PERSONAL INTERVIEW OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AND PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIANS; AND

(3) MAY RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD THAT THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT BE MODIFIED TO ENSURE CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS TITLE.

(G) (1) ON REVIEW OF THE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE REQUEST OF A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN TO DELEGATE ADVANCED DUTIES AS DESCRIBED IN A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT, THE BOARD MAY MODIFY THE PERFORMANCE OF ADVANCED DUTIES UNDER A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT IF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT DOES NOT MEET THE APPLICABLE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS TO PERFORM THE SPECIFIED ADVANCED DUTIES.

(2) IF THE BOARD MAKES A MODIFICATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE BOARD:

(i) SHALL NOTIFY EACH PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN LISTED IN THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT AND THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IN WRITING OF THE PARTICULAR ELEMENTS OF THE ADVANCED DUTY APPROVAL REQUEST THAT WERE THE CAUSE FOR THE MODIFICATION; AND

(ii) MAY NOT RESTRICT THE SUBMISSION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE ADVANCED DUTY.

(h) DOCUMENTATION DEMONSTRATING A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT'S AUTHORITY TO PERFORM AN ADVANCED DUTY UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT THE FACILITY IN WHICH THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT IS PERFORMING THE ADVANCED DUTY.

(i) INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE NOT CIVILLY LIABLE FOR ACTIONS REGARDING THE APPROVAL, MODIFICATION, OR DISAPPROVAL OF AN ADVANCED DUTY UNDER THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION.”;

in line 4, strike the brackets; in the same line, strike “15-302.1.”; in line 5, strike the bracket; in the same line, strike “primary supervising” and substitute “**PATIENT CARE TEAM**”; in line 8, strike “delegation” and substitute “**COLLABORATION**”; strike line 9 in its entirety and substitute:

“(1) THE AUTHORITY OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT TO PRESCRIBE AND, IF APPLICABLE, DISPENSE”;

in line 10, strike “of”; in line 12, after “State” insert “LAW AND”; in line 15, strike “written or”; in line 18, strike “supervising” and substitute “PATIENT CARE TEAM”; after line 19, insert:

“(5) AN ATTESTATION THAT ALL PRESCRIPTIONS WRITTEN UNDER THIS SECTION WILL INCLUDE THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT’S NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND BUSINESS TELEPHONE NUMBER LEGIBLY WRITTEN OR PRINTED;”;

in lines 20 and 26, strike “(5)” and “(6)”, respectively, and substitute “**(6)**” and “**(7)**”, respectively; and in lines 30 and 33, in each instance, strike “primary supervising” and substitute “PATIENT CARE TEAM”.

On page 23, in line 4, strike “primary supervising” and substitute “PATIENT CARE TEAM”; and in line 8, strike the bracket.

On pages 23 and 24, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 9 on page 23 through line 3 on page 24, inclusive.

On page 24, in line 4, strike “(D)” and substitute “**(C)**”; in the same line, after “A” insert “PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN MAY AUTHORIZE A”; in the same line, after “assistant” insert “TO”; in the same line, strike “may”; in the same line, strike the third bracket; in lines 5 and 11, in each instance, strike “delegation” and substitute “COLLABORATION”; in lines 6, 7, and 11, in each instance, strike the bracket; in lines 7, 9, 10, and 11, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, “(i)”, and “(ii)”, respectively, and substitute “**(I)**”, “**(II)**”, “**1.**”, and “**2.**”, respectively; in lines 8 and 10, in each instance, strike “supervising” and substitute “PATIENT CARE TEAM”; and after line 11, insert:

“(2) A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN MAY DELEGATE ANY DISPENSING DUTIES, INCLUDING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FINAL CHECK OF PRESCRIPTIONS AS REQUIRED UNDER § 12-102(A)(4)(II) OF THIS ARTICLE.

(D) IF A PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN WHO HAS DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY TO A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SUBSEQUENTLY RESTRICTS OR REMOVES THE DELEGATION, THE PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIAN SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD OF THE RESTRICTION OR REMOVAL WITHIN 5 BUSINESS DAYS.

On pages 24 through 26, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 12 on page 24 through line 4 on page 26, inclusive.

On page 27, after line 22, insert:

“(C) THE BOARD MAY AUDIT AND REVIEW COLLABORATION AGREEMENTS KEPT BY THE LICENSEE AT THE PRIMARY PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE LICENSEE AT ANY TIME.

(D) A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT WHO FAILS TO PRODUCE A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT TO THE BOARD ON REQUEST IS SUBJECT TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY AS ESTABLISHED IN REGULATIONS.

On page 28, strike beginning with “beyond” in line 29 down through the bracket in line 31 and substitute **“IN A MANNER THAT IS NOT CONSISTENT WITH THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT”**; and strike in their entirety lines 32 and 33 and substitute:

“(42) PERFORMS MEDICAL ACTS WHICH ARE OUTSIDE THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE OF THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT;

(43) PERFORMS MEDICAL ACTS THAT ARE NOT CUSTOMARY TO THE PRACTICE OF THE PATIENT CARE TEAM PHYSICIANS LISTED ON THE COLLABORATION AGREEMENT;

On page 29, in line 1, strike “(42)” and substitute “(44)”; strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “**PROVIDING NOTICE TO THE BOARD AS REQUIRED UNDER § 15-302(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE;**

[(43)] (45) Fails to complete a criminal history records check under § 14-308.1 of this article;

[(44)] (46) Fails to comply with the requirements of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program under Title 21, Subtitle 2A of the Health – General Article;
or

[(45)] (47) Fails to comply with any State or federal law pertaining to the practice as a physician assistant.”;

strike line 24 in its entirety and substitute:

“(2) PROVIDED NOTICE TO THE BOARD AS REQUIRED UNDER § 15-302(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.”;

and in lines 31 and 32, strike “SUBMITTED A COLLABORATION AGREEMENT TO THE BOARD” and substitute “**PROVIDED NOTICE TO THE BOARD AS REQUIRED UNDER § 15-302(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 30, in lines 13 and 14, strike “an initial collaboration agreement is submitted to the State Board of Physicians by the physician assistant” and substitute “**the physician assistant has provided notice to the State Board of Physicians as required**

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under § 15–302(a) of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted under Section 1 of this Act”; after line 14, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2025, the State Board of Physicians, with representatives from the Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants, the Physician Assistant Education Association, and physician assistant education programs in the State, shall review and update the list of advanced duties for physician assistants.”;

and in line 15, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”.