

HOUSE BILL 1265

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By: **Delegate Bromwell**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Physicians – Delegation Agreement – Supervision of Physician Assistants**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the conditions under which the State Board of Physicians
4 may authorize a physician who works in certain settings to delegate medical
5 acts under a certain delegation agreement; altering the conditions under which
6 a physician who works in certain settings may supervise a certain number of
7 physician assistants directly or as an alternate supervising physician; and
8 generally relating to physician supervision of physician assistants under a
9 delegation agreement.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 15–302(i) and (k)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 15–302.

19 (i) The Board may [not] authorize a physician to delegate medical acts
20 under a delegation agreement to:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) **NO** more than [two] **FOUR** physician assistants [at any one time,]
 2 **WHO HAVE LESS THAN 5 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EXPERIENCE AS A PHYSICIAN**
 3 **ASSISTANT; AND**

4 (2) **AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WHO**
 5 **HAVE 5 OR MORE YEARS OF FULL-TIME EXPERIENCE AS A PHYSICIAN**
 6 **ASSISTANT.** [except in a hospital or in the following nonhospital settings:

7 (1) A correctional facility;

8 (2) A detention center; or

9 (3) A public health facility.]

10 (k) A physician may supervise a physician assistant:

11 (1) In accordance with a delegation agreement approved by the Board
 12 under this subtitle; or

13 (2) As an alternate supervising physician if:

14 (i) The alternate supervising physician supervises in
 15 accordance with a delegation agreement filed with the Board;

16 (ii) [The] **AT ANY ONE TIME, THE** alternate supervising
 17 physician supervises:

18 1. [no] **NO** more than four physician assistants [at any
 19 one time, except in a hospital, correctional facility, detention center, or public health
 20 facility;] **WHO HAVE LESS THAN 5 YEARS OF FULL-TIME EXPERIENCE AS A**
 21 **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT; AND**

22 2. **AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF PHYSICIAN**
 23 **ASSISTANTS WHO HAVE 5 OR MORE YEARS OF FULL-TIME EXPERIENCE AS A**
 24 **PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT;**

25 (iii) The alternate supervising physician's period of supervision,
 26 in the absence of the primary supervising physician, does not exceed:

27 1. The period of time specified in the delegation
 28 agreement; and

