

HOUSE BILL 965

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By: **Delegate George**

Introduced and read first time: February 11, 2011

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Physician Assistants – Use of C–Arm Devices**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing physician assistants to use certain c–arm devices in
4 accordance with certain standards; and generally relating to the use of
5 c–arm devices by physician assistants.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Health Occupations
8 Section 15–301(a) and (b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Health Occupations
13 Section 15–301(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health Occupations**

19 15–301.

20 (a) Nothing in this title may be construed to authorize a physician assistant
21 to practice independent of a primary or alternate supervising physician.

22 (b) A license issued to a physician assistant shall limit the physician
23 assistant’s scope of practice to medical acts:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) Delegated by the primary or alternate supervising physician;
- 2 (2) Appropriate to the education, training, and experience of the
3 physician assistant;
- 4 (3) Customary to the practice of the primary or alternate supervising
5 physician; and
- 6 (4) Consistent with the delegation agreement filed with the Board.
- 7 (c) Patient services that may be provided by a physician assistant include:
- 8 (1) (i) Taking complete, detailed, and accurate patient histories;
9 and
- 10 (ii) Reviewing patient records to develop comprehensive medical
11 status reports;
- 12 (2) Performing physical examinations and recording all pertinent
13 patient data;
- 14 (3) Interpreting and evaluating patient data as authorized by the
15 primary or alternate supervising physician for the purpose of determining
16 management and treatment of patients;
- 17 (4) Initiating requests for or performing diagnostic procedures as
18 indicated by pertinent data and as authorized by the supervising physician;
- 19 (5) Providing instructions and guidance regarding medical care
20 matters to patients;
- 21 (6) Assisting the primary or alternate supervising physician in the
22 delivery of services to patients who require medical care in the home and in health
23 care institutions, including:
- 24 (i) Recording patient progress notes;
- 25 (ii) Issuing diagnostic orders; and
- 26 (iii) Transcribing or executing specific orders at the direction of
27 the primary or alternate supervising physician; [and]
- 28 (7) Exercising prescriptive authority under a delegation agreement
29 and in accordance with § 15–302.2 of this subtitle; **AND**

1 **(8) USING A MINI C-ARM DEVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
2 **GENERALLY ACCEPTED SAFETY AND TRAINING STANDARDS USED BY**
3 **PHYSICIANS AND NURSE PRACTITIONERS.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2011.