

No. 1994-157

AN ACT

SB 1576

Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts; reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for its composition, powers and duties; providing for the issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and revocation of licenses and certificates; providing penalties; and making repeals," providing for graduate physician assistant.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112), known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, is amended by adding a section to read:

Section 13.2. Graduate physician assistant.

(a) Practice.—Graduates of a physician assistant program recognized by the board may register with the board and practice only under direct supervision of a physician until certified by a process recognized by the board. Practice under this section shall be limited to the period between graduation and receipt of the results of the first examination after graduation offered by an examination agency in accordance with section 24. If the person applying for certification fails the examination, the authority to practice under this section shall expire.

(b) Use of title.—The title "graduate physician assistant" or the abbreviation "GPA" shall be used until certification is obtained.

(c) Drugs.—A graduate physician assistant shall not be permitted to prescribe or dispense drugs at the direction of a physician until certification has been completed.

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 27th day of December, A.D. 1994.

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