

State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 946

SENATE BILL NO. 1723

By Crowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1906

By Matthew Hill

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 19 and Title 63, Chapter 3, relative to the supervision of physician assistants by podiatrists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-3-101, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (e):

(e) A licensed podiatrist may supervise a physician assistant or an orthopedic physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 19 of this title. A podiatrist supervising a physician assistant pursuant to this subsection (e) shall comply with the requirements of and any rules adopted pursuant to §§ 63-19-106 and 63-19-107 governing the supervision of a physician assistant. A podiatrist supervising an orthopedic physician assistant pursuant to this subsection (e) shall comply with the requirements of and any rules adopted pursuant to §§ 63-19-203 through 63-19-205 governing the supervision of an orthopedic physician assistant.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 63, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

A physician assistant supervised by a licensed podiatrist shall not provide services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist as set forth in § 63-3-101 and may prescribe only drugs that are rational to the practice of podiatry. An orthopedic physician assistant supervised by a licensed podiatrist shall not provide services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist as set forth in § 63-3-101.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-102(4), is amended by deleting the subdivision and by substituting instead the following:

"Physician" means a person lawfully licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 6 of this title, osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 9 of this title, or podiatry pursuant to chapter 3 of this title; and

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-106, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() A physician assistant supervised by a licensed podiatrist:

(1) Shall not provide services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist as set forth in § 63-3-101;

(2) Shall comply with the requirements of and any rules adopted pursuant to this section and § 63-19-107 governing the supervision of a physician assistant; and

(3) May prescribe only drugs that are rational to the practice of podiatry.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-109, is amended by deleting the section and by substituting instead the following:

When any licensed physician utilizes the services of a physician assistant or orthopedic physician assistant inconsistent with this chapter, it constitutes grounds for a finding of unprofessional conduct; and the physician is subject to disciplinary action by the board of medical examiners in accordance with § 63-6-214, the board of osteopathic examination in accordance with § 63-9-111, or the board of podiatric medical examiners in accordance with § 63-3-119. Such disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, the suspension of privileges to utilize a physician assistant or an orthopedic physician assistant or the suspension or revocation of a physician's license to practice medicine, osteopathic medicine, or podiatry in Tennessee.

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-201, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (e):

(e) For the purposes of this part, unless the context requires otherwise, "physician" means a person lawfully licensed to practice orthopedic medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 6 of this title, osteopathic medicine pursuant to chapter 9 of this title, or podiatry pursuant to chapter 3 of this title.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-203, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() An orthopedic physician assistant supervised by a licensed podiatrist:

(1) Shall not provide services that are outside of the scope of practice of a podiatrist as set forth in § 63-3-101; and

(2) Shall comply with the requirements of and any rules adopted pursuant to §§ 63-19-203 through 63-19-205 governing the supervision of a physician assistant.

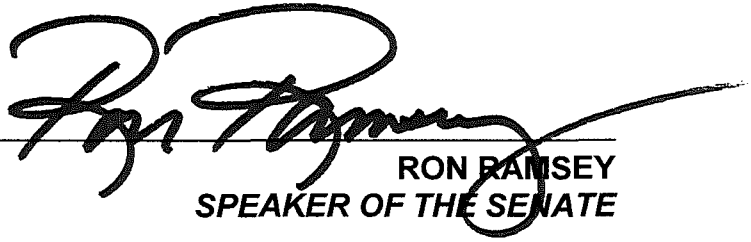
SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-203(a), is amended by inserting the language ", or under the supervision of a licensed podiatrist" immediately before the period (.) at the end of the subsection.

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-19-205, is amended by deleting the language "orthopedic physician or surgeon" wherever it appears in the section and substituting instead the language "physician".

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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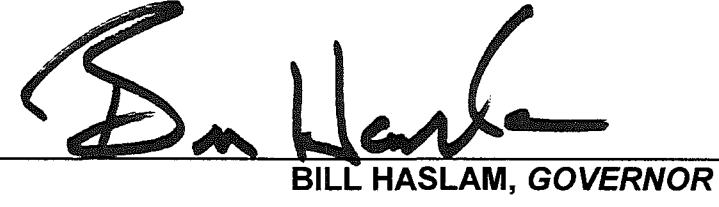


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APPROVED this 27th day of April 2016



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