

2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 475

BY SENATOR RISER

MILITARY AFFAIRS. Provides for military educational training to be used in lieu of college educational training in the licensure of physicians assistants. (8/1/18)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:1360.24(A), relative to physicians assistants; to provide for  
3 licensure; to provide for education; to provide for training; and to provide for related  
4 matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:1360.24(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §1360.24. Licensure

8 A. Except as otherwise provided for in this Part, an individual shall be  
9 licensed by the board before the individual may practice as a physician assistant. The  
10 board may grant a license to a physician assistant applicant who:

11 (1) Submits an application on the forms approved by the board.

12 (2) Pays the appropriate fee as determined by the board.

13 (3) Has successfully completed ~~an~~ **one of the following** education ~~program~~  
14 **programs:**

15 **(a) An educational program** for physician assistants accredited by the  
16 Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, its predecessors, or its  
17 successors, ~~and who~~



legislative session each year on the progress of the pilot program and to provide a written report of findings and recommendations upon termination of the program.

Present law provides for the licensure of physician assistants who have met the following criteria:

- (1) Submits an application on the forms approved by the board.
- (2) Pays the appropriate fee as determined by the board.
- (3) Has successfully completed an education program for physician assistants accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, its predecessors, or its successors and who has passed the physician assistant national certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physicians' Assistants.
- (4) Certifies that he is mentally and physically able to engage in practice as a physician assistant.
- (5) Has no licensure, certification, or registration as a physician assistant in any jurisdiction under current discipline, revocation, suspension, or probation for cause resulting from the applicant's practice as a physician assistant, unless the board considers such condition and agrees to licensure.
- (6) Is of good moral character.
- (7) Submits to the board any other information the board deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.
- (8) Has been approved by the board.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the educational requirement may be fulfilled by completing an educational program for special forces, special operations combat medic, advanced tactical practitioner which is taught by a branch of the U.S. armed forces so long as he, the applicant, has served as a special forces, special operations combat medic, advanced tactical practitioner for at least one year after completing the educational training.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 37:1360.24(A))