
DIGEST

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HB 702 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides for physician assistants who oversee the duties of a licensed practical nurse.

Present law provides that a licensed practical nurse shall administer their job duties under the direction of a licensed physician, optometrist, or dentist acting individually or in his capacity as a member of the medical staff or registered nurse.

Proposed law retains present law and adds physician assistant as an individual who may provide direction to a licensed practical nurse to perform their necessary duties.

(Amends R.S. 37:961(4))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Deletes provisions of proposed law that would have required physicians to collaborate with physician assistants in providing healthcare services.
2. Requires only physician assistants to review the duties of a licensed practical nurse.