

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 145

BY SENATOR OWEN

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to timely file approved changes to physician assistant regulations in LAC Part XLV Title 46.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners was given the power and duties to examine all applicants for the practice of medicine, issue licenses or permits to those possessing the necessary qualifications, and take appropriate administrative actions to regulate the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners' Physician Assistants Advisory Committee was created with the duties and purpose of advising the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners on all matters specifically dealing with licensing and disciplining physician assistants or the drafting and promulgation of regulations related to physician assistants; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.S. 37:1270.1(C), the board is prohibited from acting on any matter relating to a physician assistant without first consulting with the advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, at its February 19, 2024, board meeting, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners unanimously approved moving forward with promulgating physician assistant rules as written; and

WHEREAS, concerns have been expressed that over a year has passed and these proposed rule changes still have not been submitted to Louisiana Register to initiate the rulemaking process in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners to submit the notice of intent for the physician assistant regulation changes as approved at the February 19, 2024, board meeting to the Louisiana Register to initiate the rulemaking process in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the chairman of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and the commissioner of administration.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE