

# SB 108

# State Medical Board

By request from the State Medical Board

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# Purpose

1. Streamline Physician Licensing
2. Need for office assistants

# Streamline MD licensing

Section 1, 2, 8, 9, 10

State Medical Board to write regulations to delegate to EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR:

1. review applications and grant license if requirements are met
2. review applications and issue temporary license if requirements are met
3. grant certification if requirements are met
4. spells out prohibitions to this delegated authority

# Streamline MD licensing

## Section 10, 11

1. Allows another person, designated by the board, to help the Executive Administrator to issue temporary license.
2. Outlines when this could happen

# Medical Assistants - Unlicensed Assistive Personnel

Medical Assistants  
trained in “routine medical tasks”

## Section 3

- ~ authorizes delegation to unlicensed person
- ~ prohibits delegation of pain management or opioid related activities

# Medical Assistants – Unlicensed Assistive Personnel

## Section 6

adds unlicensed assistive personnel, performing **delegated routine medical duties** to exception under “License to practice medicine, podiatry, or osteopathy”

## Section 13

adds “medical assistants” to **definition of “medical professional”** under Title 12 Criminal Procedure

# Certified Medical Assistants – NEW entity

## Why?

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)

- ~prohibits access by any unlicensed person
- ~envisioned clinician delegate “look up” before prescribing

## Problem

- ~No licensed people in MD clinic, other than the MD
- ~Frequent need to check on PDMP

## Solution

- ~Alaska’s Community Colleges training programs for CMA
- ~National exams for Certification

Done in most other states. Washington State is one example

# CMA (Certified Medical Assistant)

## Process defined

### Section 4

Certification - process will be defined in regulation

### Section 5

Title "CMA" and limits its use

### Section 12

Penalty for practicing without license as CMA

# Urgent need for SB 108

Efficient, expeditious and effective licensing of MDs

Legal clarity for delegation of “routine medical duties” to unlicensed assistive personnel  
(medical assistants)

More legally stringent delegated activities to licensed entity, Certified Medical Assistant

# Urgent need for SB 108

These changes needed this session

SUPPORT:

State Medical Board (requested)  
Dept of Commerce

No opposition