

SB 108

State Medical Board

By request from the State Medical Board

Senator Cathy Giessel

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