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Medical Licensing and Certified Medical Assistant

Sectional Analysis vsn U

Section 1. AS 08.64.101 amends this section that outlines the licensing duties of the board and allows delegating powers through regulations

Section 2. AS 08.64.101 is a new subsection that gives the board power to adopt regulations authorizing the delegation of authority to the Executive Secretary to grant licenses, and to grant certification to Medical Assistants

Section 3. AS 08.64 is amended by adding a new section that authorized the board to adopt regulations allowing physicians to delegate duties to qualified agents. It prohibits delegation of duties relating to opioid use and directs board to define “routine medical duties”

Section 4. AS 08.64 is amended with a new section that allows the board to adopt regulations to certify qualifying medical assistants, establish qualifications and education requirements, review violations, invoke disciplinary action and set fees. Adds reporting immunity for certified medical assistants, mirroring other medical professionals

Section 5. AS 08.64 is amended with a new section that provides protection for the “certified medical assistant” title

Section 6. AS 08.64.170(a) is amended to allow an unlicensed person to perform delegated “routine medical duties” as defined by the board

Section 7. AS 08.64.190 is amended and updates/cleans up statute with a deletion, added by Legislative Legal to this bill

Section 8. AS 08.64.23(a) is amended to allow the board's executive secretary the power to issue a license to practice medicine to a qualified applicant, under delegated authority from the board

Section 9. AS 08.64.230(b) is amended to allow the board's executive secretary the power to issue a license to practice osteopathy to a qualified applicant, under delegated authority from the board

Section 10. AS 08.64.270(a) is amended to allow a designated board member, its executive secretary or board designee to issue a temporary permit to an applicant who meets the qualification requirements set out in 08.64.200 (physicians), 08.64.205 (osteopaths), 08.64.209 (podiatrists) and 08.64.225(foreign medical graduates)

Section 11. AS 08.64.275(a) is amended by adding that a board's designee may also issue a temporary permit

Section 12. AS 08.64.360 is amended and clarifies the exceptions to who would be guilty of a misdemeanor if practicing without a license. Leg Legal updated this section with the underlined terms.

Section 13. AS 12.55.135(k)(3) is amended to add medical assistant to the definition of "medical professional"

Section 14. adds new section of transitional language that allows DCCED and the state Medical Board to adopt regulations to implement SB 108

Section 15. says that Section 14 is effective immediately (regulation rule making)

Section 16. says that the bill will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2019