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## **CS for Sponsor Substitute for Senate Bill 108(FIN)**

### **Medical Licensing and Certified Medical Assistant Sectional Analysis vsn I**

**Section 1. AS 08.64.101** 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** adds a new section that authorizes the board to adopt regulations allowing physicians to delegate duties to unlicensed assistants. It prohibits delegation of duties relating to opioid use and directs board to define “routine medical duties”

**Section 4. AS 08.64** adds 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** adds a new section that clarifies that a person may not represent themselves as certified unless they have met the qualifications of this chapter

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

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

**Section 8. AS 08.64.23(a)** allows 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)** allows 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)** allows 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)** adds that a board's designee may also issue a temporary permit

**Section 12. AS 08.64.360** adds a licensed physician's assistant, a medical assistant and a registered paramedic to the list of those authorized to practice medicine in this state. Leg. Legal updated this section with the above underlined terms.

**Section 13 AS 08.84.380** adds a new paragraph (7) clarifying that a medical assistant awarded certification in this state would be therefore "licensed"

**Section 14. AS 12.55.135(k)(3)** is amended to add medical assistant to the definition of "medical professional"

**Section 15.** adds new section of transitional language that allows DCCED and the state Medical Board to adopt regulations to implement SB 108

**Section 16.** says that Section 15 is effective immediately (regulation rule making)

**Section 17.** says that the bill will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2019