

# ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH LEGISLATURE

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Presented by Mr. Goodwin of South Berwick.

## STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN

AN ACT Authorizing the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration to Establish Rules and Regulations for Physicians' Assistants, Supervising Physicians and other Delegated Physicians.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

32 MRSA § 2594-B is enacted to read:

§ 2594-B. Rules and regulations for physicians' assistants

No physicians' assistant shall be permitted to practice under the supervision of an osteopathic physician until he has applied for and obtained a certificate of qualification issued by the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration and a certificate of registration, which must be renewed annually.

The board may make such rules and regulations dealing with osteopathic physicians' assistants as are necessary to carry out this section. These rules and regulations shall include, but not be limited to: Training programs and certification of physicians' assistants; application for certification; application information required by proposed supervisory physicians; knowledge and skills required of the physicians' assistants; the agency relationship between supervising physicians and the physicians' assistants; the supervisory physicians' supervision of medical services; method of performance by physicians' assistants; registration, fees for which shall in no event exceed \$25; annual reregistration, fees for which in no event exceed \$25; physicans' assistant trainees; and certification of continuing education.

#### STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the certification and supervisory relationship between physicians' assistants and osteopathic physicians consistent with the Board of Osteopathic Examination and Registration's obligation to protect the interest of the public and to assure that medical services rendered are of the highest quality.