

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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As healthcare delivery grows more complex, ensuring appropriate supervision of medical assistants is essential to maintaining high standards of patient care and workforce efficiency. Historically, medical assistants operated under physicians, guided by professional standards set by the American Association of Medical Assistants. However, with the expansion of advanced practice nursing and independent nurse-led clinics, a clear oversight framework is needed. This legislation formally codifies the authority of nurses to oversee medical assistants, recognizing their clinical training and expertise as the foundation for effective supervision. By establishing this oversight structure in statute, the state ensures that medical assistants operate within a clear and accountable framework—one that prioritizes patient safety, strengthens workforce capacity, and aligns with national best practices.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no increase or decrease in revenue, or additional expenditure of funds at the state or local level of government; therefore, this legislation has no fiscal impact.

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