

Amend CSSB 532 as follows:

(1) Strike the recital to Section 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 5 and 6), and substitute:

SECTION 1. Section 157.0511, Occupations Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (b-1) and adding Subsection (b-2) to read as follows:

(2) In Section 1 of the bill, immediately following amended Subsection (b-1), Section 157.0511, Occupations Code (page 2, between lines 6 and 7), insert:

(b-2) Physician supervision of the carrying out and signing of prescription drug orders must conform to what a reasonable and prudent physician would find consistent with sound medical judgment but may vary with the education and experience of the particular advanced practice nurse or physician assistant. A physician shall provide continuous supervision, but the constant physical presence of the physician is not required. Board rules regarding supervision shall promote the ability of physicians to:

(1) exercise medical judgment in supervising the carrying out and signing of prescription drug orders; and

(2) promote the full use of health information technology, including telemedicine, telehealth, and electronic medical records.

(3) In Section 3 of the bill, strike amended Section 157.0541(c), Occupations Code (page 3, line 18, through page 4, line 12), and substitute the following:

(c) The delegating physician may not be prohibited by contract from seeing, diagnosing, or treating a patient for services provided or to be provided by the physician assistant or advanced practice nurse under delegated prescriptive authority
~~[Physician supervision is adequate for the purposes of this section if the delegating physician:~~

~~(1) is on-site with the advanced practice nurse or physician assistant at least 20 percent of the time;~~

~~(2) reviews at least 10 percent of the medical charts at the site; and~~

~~(3) is available through direct telecommunication for consultation, patient referral, or assistance with a medical~~

emergency].

(4) In Section 4 of the bill, in the recital (page 4, line 21), strike "by adding" and substitute "by amending Subsection (b) and adding".

(5) In Section 4 of the bill, between the recital and added Section 157.0542(b-1), Occupations Code (page 4, between lines 21 and 22), insert the following:

(b) The board may grant a waiver under Subsection (a) if the board determines that:

(1) the practice site where the physician is seeking to delegate prescriptive authority is unable to meet the requirements of this chapter or board rules or compliance would cause an undue burden without a corresponding benefit to patient care; and

(2) safeguards exist for patient care and for fostering a collaborative practice between the physician and the advanced practice nurses and physician assistants[~~, and~~

~~(3) if the requirement for which the waiver is sought is the amount of time the physician is on-site, the frequency and duration of time the physician is on-site when the advanced practice nurse or physician assistant is present is sufficient for collaboration to occur, taking into consideration the other ways the physician collaborates with the advanced practice nurse or physician assistant, including at other sites].~~

(6) In Section 4 of the bill, in proposed Subdivision (1), Subsection (b-1), Section 157.0542, Occupations Code (page 5, line 5), following "equivalents;" add "or".

(7) In Section 4 of the bill, in proposed Subdivision (2), Subsection (b-1), Section 157.0542, Occupations Code (page 5, line 6), strike "; or" and substitute an underscored period.

(8) In Section 4 of the bill (page 5, lines 7-9), strike proposed Subdivision (3), Subsection (b-1), Section 157.0542, Occupations Code.

(9) Add the following sections to the bill, numbered appropriately, and renumber any subsequent sections of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 671.001(b), Government Code, is

amended to read as follows:

(b) The pilot program must provide for the following:

(1) a licensed advanced practice nurse as defined by Section 301.152, Occupations Code, or a licensed physician assistant as described by Chapter 204, Occupations Code, who is employed by the state or whose services are acquired by contract, who will be located at a state office complex;

~~[(2) a licensed physician, who is employed by a state governmental entity for purposes other than the pilot program or whose services are acquired by contract, who will perform all supervisory functions described by Section 157.052(e), Occupations Code,]~~

(2)~~[(3)]~~ appropriate office space and equipment for the advanced practice nurse or physician assistant to provide basic medical care to employees at the state office complex where the nurse or physician assistant is located; and

(3)~~[(4)]~~ professional liability insurance covering services provided by the advanced practice nurse or the physician assistant.

SECTION _____. Sections 157.052(e), 157.053(c), and 157.054(c), Occupations Code, are repealed.