

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1735
Version:	FULLPCS1
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Impact:	No Measureable Impact

Research Analysis

The PCS to HB 1735 modifies the *practice of medicine* for physician assistants. Rather than requiring physician supervision, the measure allows for physician assistants to practice with physician collaboration. The measure defines *practice agreement* as the agreement between a physician and physician assistant determining the physician assistant's scope of practice, replacing the current application to practice. A physician assistant may have multiple practice agreements. Physician assistants are not required to contact a physician when treating a patient with a complex illness. Physician assistants are considered primacy care providers, and may bill for services. The measure also includes hospice facilities in the definition of *patient care setting* where a physician assistant may practice.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure provides amendment to statutes regarding physician's assistants, including collaboration with physicians and others within a healthcare team, certain scope of practice provisions and provides certain immunities. No measureable fiscal costs or savings to the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision are anticipated.

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Other Considerations

None.