

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB2584
Version:	SAHB
Request Number:	
Author:	Speaker Hilbert
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Impact:	State Budget: \$0

Research Analysis

The Senate amendments to HB 2584 include a physician assistant (PA) in the definition of *licensed practitioner* and remove the 90-day requirement for the board to prescribe a form for reporting a PA's postgraduate clinical experience. The amendments also require a PA not practicing under a practice agreement, or their employer, to carry malpractice insurance.

HB 2584, as amended, authorizes PAs with at least 6,240 hours of postgraduate clinical experience to practice independently of physician supervision. The State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision must maintain a public list of such PAs and provide a form for reporting hours, which can be submitted electronically at no cost. PAs practicing independently must be covered by malpractice insurance. A PA may still choose to have a practice agreement with a physician. The board retains the authority to impose supervision as a disciplinary measure.

PAs practicing independently may prescribe supplies, services, and drugs, including Schedule III–V controlled substances. PAs practicing under a practice agreement may additionally prescribe Schedule II drugs with written protocol determined by the delegating physician.

The measure also expands the Physician Assistant Committee from seven to nine members, with five committee members being PAs. One of the PA members must be elected as the chair.

Additionally, the measure repeals the section of law prohibiting any PA from providing services without physician supervision.

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Fiscal Analysis

Adoption of SAHBs would not change the fiscal impact of the measure, which remains:

HB 2584 in its current form deals with regulation and licensing administered by the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. The Board is a nonappropriated licensing agency. Any additional efforts as a result of the measure are anticipated to be absorbable through the Board's existing resources. For these reasons HB 2584 in its current form is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the State Budget or State Revenues.

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Other Considerations

None.

