
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 453, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§453- Physician assistant; disaster medical care. (a)

5 Any physician assistant who is licensed in this State or
6 licensed or authorized to practice in any other United States
7 jurisdiction may render aid or medical care or otherwise assist
8 in providing medical care in disaster or emergency conditions
9 when a supervising physician is not present.

10 (b) Any physician who is licensed in this State may
11 supervise a licensed physician assistant in providing disaster
12 or emergency medical care, without regard to the degree of
13 supervision required of the supervising physician in section
14 453-5.3.

15 (c) A licensed physician assistant who provides any aid,
16 medical care, or other assistance in good faith during a
17 disaster or emergency condition shall not be liable for any
18 civil damages resulting from the physician assistant's acts or



1 omissions, except for such damages as may result from the
2 physician assistant's gross negligence or wanton acts or
3 omissions.

4 (d) The board of medical examiners may adopt rules under
5 chapter 91 to implement this section."

6 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Physician Assistant; Disaster or Emergency Medical Care

Description:

Allows licensed physician assistant to provide medical care or assistance during disaster or emergency conditions. Authorizes any physician to supervise a physician assistant in a disaster or emergency condition. Exempts physician assistants from liability for good faith assistance during disaster or emergency conditions.

