

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2648

By: Hamilton (Jeff)

AS INTRODUCED An Act relating to professions and occupations; amending Section 5, Chapter 289, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 519.5), which relates to physician assistants; authorizing certain waivers; conditions and termination of waivers; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 5, Chapter 289, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 519.5), is amended to read as follows:

Section 519.5 A. The Secretary of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision is authorized to grant temporary authorization to any individual, except for individuals who have taken and failed to successfully complete the examination, to practice as a physician assistant who otherwise meets the requirements for certification as a physician assistant except for successful completion of the examination. The temporary authorization shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance or until the results of the applicant's examination are available, whichever occurs first.

B. The Secretary of the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision is authorized to grant a waiver to an applicant who has

been graduated as a physician assistant to practice until the results of the National Board Exams are publicized. At that time, such applicant may be granted a license to practice pursuant to Section 519.6 of this title. If the applicant has not successfully passed the exam, the applicant can, at the discretion of the Secretary, be continued in a waiver status for one year. At the end of the year, such applicant shall present proof of the successful completion of the exam to be granted a permanent license. Failure to do so will result in termination of the waiver.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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