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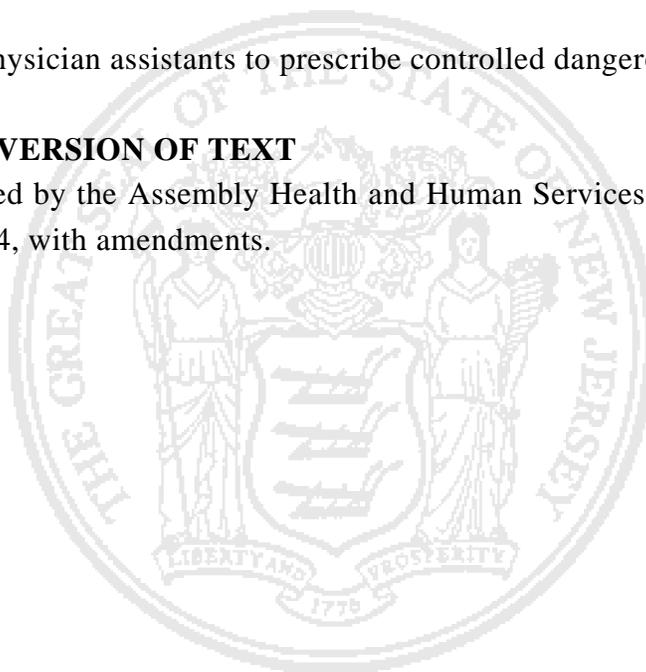
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**SYNOPSIS**

Permits physician assistants to prescribe controlled dangerous substances.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Health and Human Services Committee on June 14, 2004, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/15/2005)**

1 AN ACT concerning the ordering or prescribing of medications by  
2 physician assistants and amending P.L.1991, c.378.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 10 of P.L.1991, c.378 (C.45:9-27.19) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 10. A physician assistant treating a patient in an inpatient or  
10 outpatient setting may order or prescribe medications, subject to the  
11 following conditions:

12 a. ~~[no]~~ controlled dangerous substances may be ordered or  
13 prescribed if:

14 <sup>1</sup>(1)<sup>1</sup> a supervising physician has authorized a physician assistant to  
15 order or prescribe Schedule II, III, IV or V controlled dangerous  
16 substances<sup>1</sup> [; and] in order to:

17 (a) continue or reissue an order or prescription for a controlled  
18 dangerous substance issued by the supervising physician;

19 (b) otherwise adjust the dosage of an order or prescription for a  
20 controlled dangerous substance originally ordered or prescribed by the  
21 supervising physician, provided there is prior consultation with the  
22 supervising physician;

23 (c) initiate an order or prescription for a controlled dangerous  
24 substance for a patient, provided there is prior consultation with the  
25 supervising physician if the order or prescription is not pursuant to  
26 subparagraph (d) of this paragraph; or

27 (d) initiate an order or prescription for a controlled dangerous  
28 substance as part of a treatment plan for a patient with a terminal  
29 illness, which for the purposes of this subparagraph means a medical  
30 condition that results in a patient's life expectancy being 12 months or  
31 less as determined by the supervising physician;

32 (2)<sup>1</sup> the physician assistant has registered with and obtained  
33 authorization to order or prescribe controlled dangerous substances  
34 from the appropriate State and federal agencies<sup>1</sup>; and

35 (3) the physician assistant complies with all requirements which the  
36 board shall establish by regulation for the administration of controlled  
37 dangerous substances pursuant to section 15 of P.L.1991, c.378  
38 (C.45:9-27.24) and applicable requirements with respect to  
39 educational programs approved by the board pursuant to section 17 of  
40 P.L.1991, c.378 (C.45:9-27.26) and continuing professional education  
41 programs approved pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1991, c.378 (C.45:9-

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup> Assembly AHH committee amendments adopted June 14, 2004.

1 27.25)<sup>1</sup>;

2 b. the order or prescription is administered in accordance with  
3 protocols or specific physician direction pursuant to subsection b. of  
4 section 7 of ~~[this act]~~ P.L.1991, c.378 (C.45:9-27.16);

5 c. the prescription states whether it is written pursuant to protocol  
6 or specific physician direction; and

7 d. the physician assistant signs his own name, prints his name and  
8 license number and prints the supervising physician's name, and in the  
9 case of an order or prescription for a controlled dangerous substance,  
10 prints the physician assistant's Drug Enforcement Administration  
11 registration number.

12 (cf: P.L.1998, c.125, s.3)

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14 2. This act shall take effect <sup>1</sup>[immediately] on the 180th day after  
15 enactment<sup>1</sup>.