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AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to clarifying the scope of practice of registered physician assistants

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The public health law is amended by adding a new section 2 3704 to read as follows:

S 3704. STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION. A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY PERFORM ANY FUNCTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH A MEDICAL SERVICE LAWFULLY PERFORMED BY THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, IN ANY HEALTH CARE SETTING, THAT A STATUTE AUTHORIZES OR DIRECTS A PHYSICIAN TO PERFORM AND THAT IS APPROPRIATE TO THE EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE OF THE REGISTERED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AND WITHIN THE ORDINARY PRACTICE OF THE SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN. THIS SECTION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT UNDER THE EDUCATION LAW.

11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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