§ 3701. Commissioner; powers and duties. The commissioner shall have the following powers and duties: 1. to promulgate regulations defining and restricting the duties which may be assigned to physician assistants by their supervising physician, the degree of supervision required and the manner in which such duties may be performed;

2. to conduct and support continuing studies respecting the nature and scope of the duties of physician assistants in order to promote their effective functioning as members of the health care team;

3. to determine the desirability of and to establish rules for requiring continuing education of physician assistants;

4. to furnish the education department with suggested criteria which may be used by the education department to help determine whether an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant possesses equivalent education and training, such as experience as a nurse or military corpsman, which may be accepted in lieu of all or part of an approved program;

5. to adopt such other rules and regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article.