

Senate Bill 364

By: Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd, Unterman of the 45th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Orrock of the 36th and Burke of the 11th

AS PASSED

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-34-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 delegation of authority to physician assistants, so as to authorize a higher supervisory ratio
3 for physician assistants who have completed a board approved anesthesiologist assistant
4 program; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 43-34-103 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation
8 of authority to physician assistants, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

9 "(b)(1) No primary supervising physician shall have more than four physician assistants
10 licensed to him or her at a time except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection;
11 provided, however, that no physician may supervise more than two physician assistants
12 at any one time except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection.

13 (2)(A) A physician may supervise as many as four physician assistants at any one time
14 while practicing in a group practice in which other physician members of such group
15 practice are primary supervising physicians.

16 (B) A physician may supervise as many as four physician assistants at any one time
17 while acting as an alternate supervising physician:

18 (i) In an institutional setting such as a hospital or clinic;

19 (ii) On call for a primary supervising physician or a group practice; or

20 (iii) If otherwise approved by the board to act as an alternate supervising physician.

21 (3) A primary supervising physician shall designate in writing to the board such other
22 physicians who may serve as an alternate supervising physician for each physician
23 assistant licensed to such primary supervising physician. The board shall have authority
24 to approve or deny such designations in whole or in part; provided, however, that a
25 physician may be listed as an alternate supervising physician for any number of physician

26 assistants so long as he or she only supervises as many physician assistants at any one
27 time as allowed by paragraph (2) of this subsection.

28 (4) No primary supervising physician shall have more than eight physician assistants
29 who have completed a board approved anesthesiologist assistant program licensed to him
30 or her at a time."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.