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DIVISION 2. HEALING ARTS [500 - 4999.129] (*Division 2 enacted by Stats. 1937, Ch. 399.*)

CHAPTER 7.7. Physician Assistants [3500 - 3545] (*Heading of Chapter 7.7 amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 427, Sec. 5.*)

ARTICLE 2. Administration [3504 - 3512] (*Article 2 added by Stats. 1975, Ch. 634.*)

3504. (a) There is established a Physician Assistant Board. The board consists of nine members.

(b) (1) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding any other law, the repeal of this section renders the board subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

(*Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 649, Sec. 32. (SB 806) Effective January 1, 2022. Repealed as of January 1, 2026, by its own provisions.*)

3504.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Physician Assistant Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

(*Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 332, Sec. 32. (SB 1236) Effective January 1, 2013.*)

3505. The members of the board shall include four physician assistants, one physician and surgeon who is also a member of the Medical Board of California, and four public members. Upon the expiration of the term of the member who is a member of the Medical Board of California, that position shall be filled by a physician assistant. Upon the expiration of the term of the member who is a member of the Medical Board of California, above, there shall be appointed to the board a physician and surgeon who is also a member of the Medical Board of California who shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member and whose functions shall include reporting to the Medical Board of California on the actions or discussions of the board. Following the expiration of the term of the member described above, the board shall include five physician assistants, one physician and surgeon, and four public members.

Each member of the board shall hold office for a term of four years expiring on January 1st, and shall serve until the appointment and qualification of a successor or until one year shall have elapsed since the expiration of the term for which the member was appointed, whichever first occurs. No member shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired terms.

The Governor shall appoint the licensed members qualified as provided in this section and two public members. The Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint a public member.

(*Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 332, Sec. 33. (SB 1236) Effective January 1, 2013.*)

3506. Each member of the board shall receive a per diem and expenses as provided in Section 103.

(*Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 332, Sec. 34. (SB 1236) Effective January 1, 2013.*)

3507. The appointing power has power to remove from office any member of the board, as provided in Section 106.

(*Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 332, Sec. 35. (SB 1236) Effective January 1, 2013.*)

3508. (a) The board may convene from time to time as deemed necessary by the board.

(b) Notice of each meeting of the board shall be given at least two weeks in advance to those persons and organizations who express an interest in receiving notification.

(c) The board shall receive permission of the director to meet more than six times annually. The director shall approve meetings that are necessary for the board to fulfill its legal responsibilities.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 332, Sec. 36. (SB 1236) Effective January 1, 2013.)

3509. It shall be the duty of the board to:

- (a) Establish standards and issue licenses of approval for programs for the education and training of physician assistants.
- (b) Require the examination of applicants for licensure as a physician assistant who meet the requirements of this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 649, Sec. 33. (SB 806) Effective January 1, 2022.)

3509.5. The board shall elect annually a president and a vice president from among its members.

(Amended by Stats. 2015, Ch. 426, Sec. 33. (SB 800) Effective January 1, 2016.)

3510. The board may adopt, amend, and repeal regulations as may be necessary to enable it to carry into effect the provisions of this chapter. All regulations shall be in accordance with, and not inconsistent with, the provisions of this chapter. Such regulations shall be adopted, amended, or repealed in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 649, Sec. 34. (SB 806) Effective January 1, 2022.)

3511. Five members shall constitute a quorum for transacting any business. The affirmative vote of a majority of those present at a meeting of the board shall be required to carry any motion. The physician and surgeon who serves as an ex officio member shall not be counted for purposes of a quorum.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 332, Sec. 40. (SB 1236) Effective January 1, 2013.)

3512. (a) Except as provided in Sections 159.5 and 2020, the board shall employ within the limits of the Physician Assistant Fund all personnel necessary to carry out this chapter including an executive officer who shall be exempt from civil service. The board shall make all necessary expenditures to carry out this chapter from the funds established by Section 3520. The board may accept contributions to effect the purposes of this chapter.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2026, and as of that date is repealed.

(Amended by Stats. 2021, Ch. 649, Sec. 35. (SB 806) Effective January 1, 2022. Repealed as of January 1, 2026, by its own provisions.)