

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST AND PURPOSE**

Currently, physician assistants working under the supervision of a physician are limited to administering, providing, or carrying out a medical order from a licensed physician's primary practice site. As proposed, S.B. 1265 expands the caregiving ability of physicians to allow physicians to delegate certain duties to physician assistants at a qualified alternate practice site that is separate from the physician's primary practice site.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 157.053, Occupations Code, by amending Subsections (a), (b), and (e) and adding Subsections (g) and (h), as follows:

- (a) Defines "alternate practice site" and "primary practice site.":
- (b) Provides that at a physician's primary practice site or a qualified alternate practice site, a physician licensed by the board may delegate to a physician assistant or an advanced practice nurse acting under adequate physician supervision the act of administering, providing, or carrying out or signing a prescription drug order as authorized through a physician's order, a standing medical order, a standing delegation order, or another order or protocol as defined by the board.
- (e) Provides that a physician's authority to delegate the carrying out or signing of a prescription drug order at the physician's primary practice site under this section is limited to three physician assistants or advanced practice nurses or their full-time equivalents practicing at the physician's primary practice site or qualified alternate practice site.
- (g) Prohibits a physician from establishing not more than one qualified alternate practice site by filing with the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners (board) an application prescribed by the board.
- (h) Requires a delegating physician, to maintain an alternate practice site's qualification, to meet certain requirements.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.