

SENATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL 20

48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007

AN ACT

RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES; CHANGING
THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING
THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-10A-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,
Chapter 26, Section 7) is amended to read:

"61-10A-7. RESPONSIBILITY.--Every osteopathic physician
using, supervising or employing a registered osteopathic
physician's assistant shall be individually responsible and
liable for the performance of the acts and omissions delegated
to the osteopathic physician's assistant. Nothing [~~herein~~] in
the Osteopathic Physicians' Assistants Act shall be construed
to relieve the osteopathic physician's assistant of [~~any~~]
responsibility and liability for any of [~~his~~] the osteopathic

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1 physician's assistant's own acts and omissions. [No
2 ~~osteopathic physician may have under his supervision more than~~
3 ~~two currently registered osteopathic physicians' assistants,~~
4 ~~except where an osteopathic physician is working in a health~~
5 ~~facility providing health service to the public primarily on a~~
6 ~~free or reduced fee basis, which is funded in whole or in part~~
7 ~~out of public funds or the funds of private charitable~~
8 ~~institutions; the board may authorize a greater number upon a~~
9 ~~finding that the program provides adequate supervision of the~~
10 ~~osteopathic physicians' assistants.] An osteopathic physician's
11 assistant shall be supervised by an osteopathic physician as
12 approved by the board."~~

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