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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS - PHYSICIANS ASSISTANT

Introduced By: Representatives Bennett, Hull, Shekarchi, Silva, and Tanzi

Date Introduced: February 27, 2013

Referred To: House Health, Education & Welfare

(Health)

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 5-54-9 of the General Laws in Chapter 5-54 entitled "Physician  
2 Assistants" is hereby amended to read as follows:

3           **5-54-9. Criteria for licensure as a physician assistant.** -- The board shall recommend to  
4 the director for licensure as a physician assistant an applicant who:

5           (1) Is of good character and reputation;

6           (2) Graduated from a physician assistant training program certified by the ~~AMA's~~  
7 ~~Committee on Allied Health, Education, and Accreditation, its successor, the Commission on~~  
8 ~~Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)~~ [accreditation review commission](#)  
9 [on education for the physician assistant \(ARC-PA\)](#) or its successor.

10           (3) Passed a certifying examination approved by the National Commission on  
11 Certification of Physician Assistants or any other national certifying exam approved by the board.

12           (4) Submitted a completed application together with the required fee as set forth in  
13 section 23-1-54.

14           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
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1           This act would update section 5-54-9 to provide that the training program for physician  
2 assistant be certified by the accreditation review commission on education for the physician  
3 assistant (ARC-PA).

4           This act would take effect upon passage.

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