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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

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RELATING TO BUSINESSES 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), its successor or the
9 Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant (ARC-PA) or its
10 successor.

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

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

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

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would provide that the training program for physician assistants be certified by
2 the commission on accreditation of allied health education programs or the accreditation review
3 commission.

4 This act would take effect upon passage.

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