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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: Senators Satchell, Ottiano, Goldin, Miller, and Cool Rumsey

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

(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  
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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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