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

Date Introduced: March 06, 2013

Referred To: Senate Health & Human Services

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
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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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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