

## Rule Changes Effective September 26, 2016

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### CHAPTER 185. PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

#### **§185.2, Definitions**

The amendments to §185.2, relating to Definitions, add definitions for "Active Duty" and "Armed Forces of the United States" and amend definitions for "Military service member", "Military spouse" and "military veteran." These amendments are in accordance with the passage of SB 1307 (84th Regular Session) which amended Chapter 55 of the Texas Occupations Code.

#### **§185.4, Procedural Rules**

The amendment to §185.4, relating to Procedural Rules, expands subsection (f), Alternative Licensing Procedure, to include military service members and military veterans. The amendment also includes language allowing the executive director to waive any prerequisite to obtaining a license for an applicant described in the subsection, after reviewing the applicant's credentials. These amendments are in accordance with the passage of SB 1307 (84th Regular Session) which amended Chapter 55 of the Texas Occupations Code.

#### **§185.6, Annual Renewal**

The amendment to §185.6, relating to Annual Renewal, adds new subsection (b)(9) providing that a surgical assistant who is a military service member may request an extension of time, not to exceed two years, to complete any continuing education requirements. The amendment also adds new subsection (j) providing that military service members who hold a license to practice in Texas are entitled to two years of additional time to complete any other requirement related to the renewal of the military service member's license. This amendment is in accordance with the passage of SB 1307 (84th Regular Session) which amended Chapter 55 of the Texas Occupations Code.

#### **§185.7, Temporary License**

The amendment to §185.7, relating to Temporary License, changes an incorrect citation, §185.4(d), to the correct citation, §185.4(c).

#### **§185.8, Inactive License**

The amendment to §185.8, relating to Inactive License, adds new language in subsection (d) providing that a licensee attempting to return from inactive to active status must complete a fingerprint card and return the card to the board as part of the application, as well as submitting, or having submitted on the applicant's behalf, a report from the National Practitioner Data Bank/Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank (NPDB-HIPDB).

### CHAPTER 199. PUBLIC INFORMATION

#### **§199.6, Enhanced Contract or Performance Monitoring**

New §199.6, concerning Enhanced Contract or Performance Monitoring, delineates the criteria and requirements for the agency's identification of and monitoring of certain contracts. This new section is added in accordance with the passage of SB 20 (85th Regular Session) which amended Chapter 2261 of the Texas Government Code.

## **CHAPTER 200. STANDARDS FOR PHYSICIANS PRACTICING COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE**

### **§200.3, Practice Guidelines for the Provision of Complementary and Alternative Medicine**

The amendment to §200.3, concerning Practice Guidelines for the Provision of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, corrects an incorrect reference to the "board of medical examiners."