RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES; CHANGING THE LICENSED PHYSICIAN AND OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT ACT AND THE OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 61-6-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1973, Chapter 361, Section 6, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-6-10. SUPERVISING LICENSED PHYSICIAN-RESPONSIBILITY.--

- A. As a condition of licensure, all physician assistants practicing in New Mexico shall inform the board of the name of the licensed physician under whose supervision they will practice. All supervising physicians shall be licensed under the Medical Practice Act and shall be approved by the board.
- B. Every licensed physician supervising a licensed physician assistant shall be individually responsible and liable for the performance of the acts and omissions delegated to the physician assistant. Nothing in this section shall be construed to relieve the physician assistant of responsibility and liability for the acts and omissions of the physician assistant.
  - C. A physician assistant shall be supervised by a  $$\tt SPAC/SB\ 20$$  Page 1

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Section 2. Section 61-10A-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979, Chapter 26, Section 7) is amended to read:

"61-10A-7. RESPONSIBILITY.--Every osteopathic physician using, supervising or employing a registered osteopathic

physician as approved by the board."

using, supervising or employing a registered osteopathic physician's assistant shall be individually responsible and liable for the performance of the acts and omissions delegated to the osteopathic physician's assistant. Nothing in the Osteopathic Physicians' Assistants Act shall be construed to relieve the osteopathic physician's assistant of responsibility and liability for any of the osteopathic physician's assistant's own acts and omissions. An osteopathic physician's assistant shall be supervised by an osteopathic physician as approved by the board."

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