

bilities for developing the energy portion of the State Building Code have been delegated to the commissioner of commerce on or before the effective date of this act as a result of the commissioner of administration's reorganization order number 181, development of the energy code is transferred from the commissioner of commerce to the commissioner of administration.

**Sec. 5. REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216C.195, subdivisions 2 and 3; and Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 216C.19, subdivision 8; and 216C.195, subdivision 1, are repealed.

**Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 5 are effective July 1, 2000.

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**CHAPTER 298—S.F.No. 2365**

*An act relating to physician assistants; modifying the supervisory requirement for physician assistants responding to disaster situations; clarifying coverage under medical assistance for physician services performed by a physician assistant; modifying the physician assistant advisory council; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 147A.27, subdivision 1; and 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 147A.23.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 147A.23, is amended to read:

**147A.23 RESPONDING TO DISASTER SITUATIONS.**

(a) A registered physician assistant or a physician assistant duly licensed or credentialed in a United States jurisdiction who is responding to a need for medical care created by a state or local disaster may render such care as the physician assistant is able to provide, under the physician assistant's license, registration, or credential, without the need of a physician and physician assistant agreement as required under section 147A.20. Physician supervision, as required under section 147A.09, must be provided under the direction of an emergency medical director in accordance with rules adopted by the emergency medical services regulatory board under section ~~144E.16~~ a physician licensed under chapter 147 who is involved with the disaster response. The physician assistant must establish a temporary supervisory agreement with an emergency medical director the physician providing supervision before rendering care.

(b) The physician who provides supervision to a physician assistant while the physician assistant is rendering care in a disaster in accordance with this section may

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do so without meeting the requirements of section 147A.20.

(c) The supervising physician who otherwise provides supervision to a physician assistant under a physician and physician assistant agreement described in section 147A.20 shall not be held medically responsible for the care rendered by a physician assistant pursuant to paragraph (a). Services provided by a physician assistant under paragraph (a) shall be considered outside the scope of the relationship between the supervising physician and the physician assistant.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 147A.27, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **MEMBERSHIP.** (a) The physician assistant advisory council is created and is composed of seven persons appointed by the board. The seven persons must include:

- (1) two public members, as defined in section 214.02;
- (2) three physician assistants registered under this chapter; and
- (3) two licensed physicians with experience supervising physician assistants.

(b) No member shall serve more than a total of two terms. If a member is appointed for a partial term and serves more than half of that term it shall be considered a full term. Members serving on the council as of July 1, 2000, shall be allowed to complete their current terms.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 28a. REGISTERED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT SERVICES. Medical assistance covers services performed by a registered physician assistant if the service is otherwise covered under this chapter as a physician service and if the service is within the scope of practice of a registered physician assistant as defined in section 147A.09.

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#### CHAPTER 299—S.F.No. 3330

*An act relating to corrections; authorizing the commissioner of corrections to establish and operate alternative residential programs for juveniles; deleting a reference to a closed correctional facility; changing the data collection date for the Interstate Compact for Supervision of Parolees and Probationers Report; requiring an offender in phase II of the challenge incarceration program to report to an agent or program staff; requiring that pretrial diversion reports prepared by county attorneys be submitted to the state court administrator; authorizing the commissioner of corrections to enter into rental agreements for emergency housing;*

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