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Bill Analysis

SB 809 authorizes physician assistants to practice without the direct supervision of a physician after completing 6,240 hours of postgraduate clinical practice experience. Such assistants shall report the completion of the required hours to the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. The measure directs the Board to create a form to report the hours within 90 days of the effective date. The Board is directed to maintain a list of physician assistants who completed the required hours. Assistants that are not practicing under the supervision of a physician may prescribe oral and written orders. The measure modifies prescription authority for assistants operating under the supervision of a physician without a practice agreement by restricting such prescriptions to Schedule III-V instead of Schedule II-V. Assistants practicing with a practice agreement may prescribe Schedule II-V drugs only as delegated by the supervising physician.

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