

**As Introduced**

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**Representative Galonski**

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**A BILL**

To suspend the requirement that a physician 1  
assistant practice with supervision and to 2  
declare an emergency. 3

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) During the period of the emergency declared 4  
by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued on March 9, 2020, the 5  
following requirements of Chapters 4730. and 4731. of the 6  
Revised Code are suspended: 7

(1) That a physician assistant must practice under the 8  
direction, control, and supervision of a physician; 9

(2) That a physician assistant may perform services only 10  
if authorized by the physician assistant's supervising physician 11  
or, if applicable, by the health care facility within which the 12  
physician assistant is practicing; 13

(3) That a physician must maintain supervision of a 14  
physician assistant. 15

(B) Division (A) of this section does not limit the 16  
authority of a physician assistant to do either of the 17  
following: 18

(1) Provide medical care under section 4730.04 of the Revised Code in response to a need precipitated by a disaster or emergency, as defined in that section;

(2) Administer, deliver, or distribute drugs pursuant to a protocol implemented under section 3701.048 of the Revised Code following the declaration of an emergency that affects the public health.

**Section 2.** This act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety. The reason for such necessity is that physician assistants are essential to ensuring the availability of adequate care and treatment for COVID-19 patients across the state during the emergency declared by the Governor on March 9, 2020. Therefore, this act shall go into immediate effect.