



The Ohio Society
of Anesthesiologists

**Senate Bill 259 (Hackett)-Physician Assistant Scope of Practice
Senate Health, Human Services & Aging Committee
Interested Party Statement
June 5, 2018**

Chairman Burke, Vice-Chairman Beagle, Ranking Minority Member Tavares, and members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee, on behalf of the Ohio State Medical Association and the Ohio Society of Anesthesiologists, we are writing as an interested party to Senate Bill 259, which expands the practice for physician assistants (PAs). Upon the bill's introduction, we met with Senator Hackett and the physician assistants to discuss the bill and voiced concerns with certain provisions. We appreciate the willingness of Senator Hackett to consider our concerns, and while we do not object to many of the bill's provisions advancing the practice of physician assistants, we expressed opposition to the following provisions:

Rapid Intubation & Procedural Sedation- The bill contains language to allow PAs in a health care facility to perform and order rapid intubation and procedural sedation, and order the drugs needed to perform them. We expressed great concerns regarding this broad expansion and the risk to patient safety. Upon discussion with Senator Hackett and the PAs, we are supportive of the amendment being offered to eliminate this provision of the bill.

Out-of-State Applicants Seeking Ohio Licensure-The bill eliminates the three-year practice requirement for out-of-state PAs without a master's degree seeking to come into Ohio to practice. Upon discussion with Senator Hackett, the PAs, and the Medical Board, we do not object to the amendment being offered to modify the time frame to two years and to add additional options for the Medical Board to implement for out-of-state applicants.

With the adoption of these amendments today before committee, we believe our concerns will be addressed, and we will be neutral on Senate Bill 259. We appreciate Senator Hackett's attention to this bill and our concerns, and look forward to continuing to work on this important piece of legislation. Thank you for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

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