

Acts of 1988). The Committee recommends to the Board regulations for the certification of physician assistants. The Committee also recommends to the Board the approval, modification, or disapproval of an application for certification. The Committee may report to the Board any alleged unauthorized practice of a physician assistant, or any conduct of a supervising physician or a physician assistant that may be cause for disciplinary action.

To perform delegated medical acts, a physician assistant must obtain an approved job description from the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance. The Committee evaluates the qualifications of the physician assistant for delegated medical acts to be performed under that job description. After a personal interview with the physician assistant and

supervising physician, the Committee recommends that the Board approve, modify, or reject the application for a job description. The Board, on review of the Committee's recommendation, may approve, modify, or deny a request for certification.

The Committee consists of seven members appointed to one-year terms by the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance. Of these, three are licensed physicians, three are certified physician assistants, and one is a consumer. The licensed physician members must include at least one specialist in general surgery or a surgical subspecialty, and at least one specialist in internal medicine, family practice, or a similar primary care specialty (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 14.5-101 through 14.5-502).

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## DEFUNCT DEPARTMENTAL AGENCIES

### ADDICTIONS SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Reconstituted as the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration in 1988 (Chapter 758, Acts of 1988).

### BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS

In 1987, renamed the State Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathologists (Chapter 478, Acts of 1987).

### CENTER FOR HEALTH STATISTICS

In 1988, reorganized and renamed the Division of Health Statistics within the Policy and Health Statistics Administration.

### COMMISSION ON MEDICAL DISCIPLINE OF MARYLAND

Abolished by Chapter 109, Acts of 1988.

### OFFICE OF FOOD AND PRODUCT HEALTH

In 1988, renamed the Office of Food Protection and Consumer Health Services within the Commu-

nity Health Surveillance and Laboratories Administration.

### OFFICE OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Renamed the Office of Maternal Health and Family Planning in 1988 under the Family Health Administration.

### POLICY ANALYSIS ADMINISTRATION

Renamed the Policy and Health Statistics Administration in 1988.

### STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM CONTROL

Abolished by Chapter 758, Acts of 1988.

### STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DRUG ABUSE

Abolished by Chapter 758, Acts of 1988.

### STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Replaced in 1988 by the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance (Chapter 109, Acts of 1988).