

BILL ANALYSIS

		<u>DATE:</u>	05/29/2007
<u>COMMITTEE:</u>	Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure	<u>BILL NO.:</u>	HB 2051
<u>PRIME SPONSOR:</u>	Rep. Seip	<u>PRINTER NO.</u>	3225

House Bill 2051 amends the Osteopathic Medical Practice Act, to expand the scope of practice for the physician assistant. It is a companion bill to House Bill 1999.

House Bill 2051 expands the scope of practice for physician assistants to perform the following tasks:

Order durable medical equipment.

Issue oral orders to the extent permitted by a health care facility's bylaws, rules, regulations or administrative policies and guidelines.

Order physical therapy and dietitian referrals.

Order respiratory and occupational therapy referrals.

Perform disability assessments for the programs providing Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).

Issue homebound schooling certifications.

Perform and sign the initial assessment of methadone treatment evaluations, provided that any order for methadone treatment shall be made only by a physician.

The expansion of the scope of practice for the *physician assistants* is identical to that permitted under Act 48 of 2007 for the certified registered nurse practitioner.

This bill also includes a requirement for a physician assistant to carry professional liability insurance coverage. Title protection for the physician assistant is included. Finally, this bill requires continuing medical education as specified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

The bill would take effect in 60 days.