

Senate Engrossed House Bill

State of Arizona
House of Representatives
Fifty-second Legislature
Second Regular Session
2016

FILED
MICHELE REAGAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

CHAPTER 68

HOUSE BILL 2359

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 32-2523, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-2523, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 32-2523. Licensure; renewal; continuing education; audit;
5 penalty fee; expiration

6 A. Except as provided in section 32-4301, each holder of a regular
7 license shall renew the license every other year on or before the licensee's
8 birthday by paying the prescribed renewal fee and supplying the board with
9 information it deems necessary, including proof of having completed, before
10 the renewal date, forty hours of category I continuing medical education
11 approved by the American academy of physician assistants, the American
12 medical association, the American osteopathic association or any other
13 accrediting organization acceptable to the board. The board shall verify
14 continuing medical education compliance and shall randomly audit at least ten
15 percent of physician assistants who are renewing their license within the
16 calendar year and who do not hold a current national certification from a
17 national certification organization for physician assistants that is approved
18 by the board.

19 B. Except as provided in section 32-4301, a holder of a regular
20 license who fails to renew the license within thirty days after the
21 licensee's birthday shall pay a penalty fee as set forth in rule for late
22 renewal.

23 C. Except as provided in section 32-4301, if a holder of a regular
24 license fails to renew the license within ninety days after the licensee's
25 birthday, the license automatically expires. It is unlawful for a person to
26 perform health care tasks of a physician assistant after the license expires.

27 D. A person whose license expires may reapply for licensure pursuant
28 to this chapter.

29 E. If a licensee does not meet the requirements of subsection A of
30 this section because of that person's illness, religious missionary activity
31 or residence in a foreign country or any other extenuating circumstance, the
32 board may grant an extension of the deadline if it receives a written request
33 to do so from the licensee that details the reasons for this request.

34 F. THE CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT IN SUBSECTION A OF
35 THIS SECTION IS DEEMED SATISFIED IF, AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL, THE LICENSEE
36 HOLDS A CERTIFICATION IN GOOD STANDING FROM A CERTIFYING BODY APPROVED BY THE
37 BOARD.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 24, 2016.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 24, 2016.

HOUSE CONCURS IN SENATE
AMENDMENTS AND FINAL PASSAGE

March 23, 2016

by the following vote: 58 Ayes,

0 Nays, 2 Not Voting



Speaker of the House



No Signature
Chief Clerk of the House

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this
23rd day of March, 2016,

at 1:11 o'clock P. M.

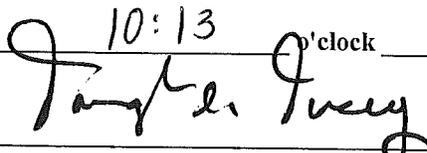


Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 24th day of

March, 2016,

at 10:13 o'clock A M.



Governor of Arizona

H.B. 2359

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

This Bill was received by the Secretary of State
this 24 day of March, 2016,

at 2:13 o'clock P M.



Secretary of State