



Legislative History

1979-2005

1979

- First law recognizing Physician Assistants in Texas

1998

- Texas Medicaid Rule Change – Changed supervision language to model Texas statute on PA supervision

1981

- Creation of Physician Assistant Advisory Committee to the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners

1999

- SB 1131 – Changes to PA Practice
 - ✓ Expanded hospital requirement to provide policies on procedural rights in the credentialing of PAs
 - ✓ Insurance code modified to recognize PAs as selected health care practitioners & statutory law forbidding discrimination in recognizing PAs
 - ✓ Allowed health care organizations the ability to develop reimbursement methodology for PAs
 - ✓ Statutory language to allow individuals to call in prescriptions on behalf of the PA
- ★ Sen. Frank Madla & Rep. Jaime Capelo

1989

- HB 18 – Omnibus Health Care Rescue Act
 - ✓ Enabled PAs to work under direct supervision of a physician
- ★ Rep. Mike McKinney & Sen. Chet Brooks

1991

- Texas PAs are recognized by statute as Registered Health Care Professionals

2000

- PAs recognized to sign UIL physicals

1993

- HB 2498 – Physician Assistant Licensing Act
 - ✓ Creates PA advisory council
 - ✓ Established licensure for PAs
 - ✓ Establishes supervision requirements
 - ✓ Created the Rural PA Loan Reimbursement Program
- ★ Rep. Hugo Berlanga & Sen. Steve Carriker

2001

- SB 1166 – Alternate Site Requirements
 - ✓ Allowing PAs to be able to prescribe outside the primary practice site.
- ★ Sen. Frank Madla & Rep. Jaime Capelo
- SB 1264 – Scope of Practice of a PA acting in a Delegated Practice
 - ✓ Agent language added, designating the PA as the agent of the physician
- ★ Sen. Tom Haywood & Rep. David Farabee

1994

- First PA license issued. Dwight Deter License # PA00001

2003

- HB 1095 – Scheduled Prescriptive Authority
 - ✓ Prescription authority expanded to include Schedules III - V
- ★ Rep. Jaime Capelo & Sen. Jane Nelson

1995

- SB 673 – Delegation of Prescriptive Authority to PAs (*dangerous drugs only*)
 - ✓ PAs to declare death
 - ✓ Sign for sample
 - ✓ Prescriptive authority delegation limited to 3
 - ✓ Primary Practice Site defined
- ★ Sen. Frank Madla & Rep. Hugo Berlanga
- SB 1302 – Regulation of PA Practice
 - ✓ Creation of Texas State Board of PA Examiners
 - ✓ Required NCCPA certification for licensure
 - ✓ TSBPAE given the ability to impose a rehabilitation order
- ★ Sen. David Cain & Rep. Hugo Berlanga

2005

- SB 419 (Sunset Bill) – Authorized the continuation of the Texas State Board of PA Examiners
 - ★ Sen. Jane Nelson & Rep. Burt Solomons
- HB 1577 – Utilization of PAs in a declared disaster, provides immunity to PAs in that setting
 - ★ Rep. Joe Nixon & Sen. Kyle Janek

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2009-2017

2009

- **SB 1984 – Handicap Placard**
 - ✓ First time PAs can write for prescription handicap placards, rural counties only
 - ★ Sen. Carlos Uresti & Rep. Tracy King
- **SB 532 – Prescriptive Authority Changes**
 - ✓ Refills to 90 days
 - ✓ Delegation from 3 to 4 PAs
 - ✓ Waivers for mileage, supervision, & on-site requirements
 - ★ Sen. Dan Patrick & Rep. Garnet Coleman
- **SB 292 – Texas Physician Health Plan**
 - ✓ Better way to monitor impaired physicians and PAs
 - ★ Sen. Jane Nelson & Rep. Susan King

2011

- **HB 2080 – Handicap Placards in all Settings**
 - ★ Sen. Carlos Uresti & Rep. Tracy King
- **HB 2098 – Allows PAs to form partnership/corporation/professional association and/or limited liability companies with their physician**
 - ★ Rep. John Davis & Sen. Dan Patrick
- **HB 1720 – Allows Prescribing of Private Duty Nursing/PT/OT & Speech Therapy when delegated by a physician**
 - ★ Rep. John Davis & Sen. Dan Patrick
- **HB 2703 – Allows Physicians to delegate authority of PAs to prescribe the fabrication, adjustment & fitting of prosthetics & orthotics**
 - ✓ Medicaid and private insurance
 - ★ Rep. Vicki Truit & Sen. Carlos Uresti

2013

- **SB 406 – Expansion of Delegated Prescriptive Authority & Site based reform**
 - ✓ Schedule II delegation
 - ✓ Delegation from 4 to 7 PAs
 - ✓ Unlimited delegation in hospitals
 - ★ Sen. Jane Nelson & Rep. Lois Kolkhorst

2014

- **22 TAC 185.16 – Removal of Supervision Limit for PAs**
 - ✓ TPAB removes limit in rules on number of PAs that a physician may supervise
 - ✓ No limit on number of PAs that a physician may supervise

2015

- **SB 622 – Expansion of the Texas PA Board (TPAB) and requires Chair to be a licensed PA**
 - ✓ Adds 4 PAs to TPAB
 - ✓ Creates PA majority on TPAB
 - ✓ Requires appointment of PA to Chair the TPAB
 - ★ Sen. Carlos Uresti & Rep. Jodie Laubenberg
- **HB 1874 – Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council**
 - ✓ PAs named to Council
 - ★ Rep. John Zerwas, MD & Sen. Joan Huffman
- **SB 202 – Transferred Radiation Jurisdiction over PAs to the Texas PA Board**
 - ✓ Removed jurisdiction of PA radiation education and training from DSHS and placed with TPAB
 - ★ Sen. Jane Nelson & Rep. Four Price
- **SB 195 – Eliminated Texas Controlled Substance Registration requirement for PAs**
 - ★ Sen. Charles Schwertner, MD & Rep. Myra Crownover

2017

- **HB 1978 – Volunteerism for PAs**
 - ✓ Allow PAs to volunteer their services at any public or private events
 - ★ Rep. JD Sheffield, DO & Sen. Dawn Buckingham, MD
- **HB 2546 – Worker's Compensation**
 - ✓ Allows physicians and PAs now to fill out and sign the work status report, DWC – 073
 - ★ Rep. John Zerwas, MD & Sen. Donna Campbell, MD
- **SB 1625 – Whistleblower Law and More**
 - ✓ Whistleblower: makes it illegal to terminate a PA who refuses to commit or omit an action that the PA knows would be reportable to the Texas PA Board and this protection may not be nullified by contract
 - ✓ QA Meeting Revisions: simplifies quality assurance meetings for PAs only by allowing the physician and PA to determine in what manner the QA meetings will be held, face-to-face meetings no longer required for PAs
 - ★ Sen. Carlos Uresti & Rep. Phil Cortez
- ✓ Sunset Issues
 1. ISC hearings held by the Texas PA Board requires a PA board member to be present at the hearing
 2. Texas PA Board may go into Executive Session for disciplinary or licensure matters regarding specific licensees to protect the confidentiality of the licensee
 3. Removing the requirement that applicants be of "Good Moral Character"
 4. PA license will now be valid for a minimum of two years
 5. Allows the board to deny renewal applications
 6. Created a training manual for all PA board members involving the scope of, and limitations on, the board's rule making authority
 7. Authorizing fingerprinting for a licensure background check
 8. PA licenses must be processed within 51-days after the PA's application is complete
- **SB 919 – Signing of Death Certificates**
 - ✓ Allows a PA to sign the death certificate of a patient who was under hospice care or palliative care
 - ★ Sen. Jose Rodriguez & Rep. Garnet Coleman
- **SB 1107 – Telemedicine**
 - ✓ Created new expansive laws for the use of telemedicine and includes PAs as participating providers
 - ★ Sen. Charles Schwertner, MD & Rep. Four Price