**Section 1350.20 Definitions**

"Act" means the Physician Assistant Practice Act of 1987 [225 ILCS 95].

"Advisory Committee" means the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee to the Medical Licensing Board.

"Collaborating Physician" means a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches under the Medical Practice Act and who is the collaborating physician of the physician assistant in accordance with Section 4(7) of the Act. A collaborating physician may collaborate with a maximum of 7 full-time equivalent physician assistants; except that, a collaborating physician may collaborate with more than 7 physician assistants when the services are provided in a federal primary care health professional shortage area with a Health Professional Shortage Area score greater than or equal to 12, as determined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The collaborating physician must keep appropriate documentation of meeting this exemption and make it available to the Department upon request. (See Section 54.5(a-5) of the Medical Practice Act.)

"Department" means the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation of the State of Illinois.

"Director" means the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation with the authority delegated by the Secretary.

"Disciplinary Board" means the Medical Disciplinary Board established pursuant to Section 7 of the Medical Practice Act.

"Division" means the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation-Division of Professional Regulation.

"Licensing Board" means the Medical Licensing Board established pursuant to Section 8 of the Medical Practice Act.

"Medical Practice Act" means the Medical Practice Act of 1987 [225 ILCS 60].

"Mid-level Practitioner Controlled Substances License" means a license issued by the Division pursuant to the Illinois Controlled Substances Act [720 ILCS 570] to a licensed physician assistant who has been delegated prescriptive authority by a collaborating physician for Schedule II, III, IV and/or V controlled substances.

"Physician Assistant" means a person licensed by the Division and who practices in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Act. A physician assistant is only authorized to practice within the current scope of practice of the collaborating physician and is further limited by his/her education, training and experience.

"Secretary" means the Secretary of the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

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