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**H.B. 353**  
**136<sup>th</sup> General Assembly**

## Bill Analysis

**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Lampton and Manning

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### SUMMARY

- Changes the professional title used by physician assistants to “physician associate.”
- Replaces Revised Code references to physician assistants with references to physician associates.
- Specifies that any reference to a physician assistant in any statute, rule, contract, or other document is deemed to refer to a physician associate.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Professional titles – physician associates

H.B. 353 revises in the following ways the law governing professional titles for physician assistants. First, it changes the professional title used by physician assistants to “physician associate.”<sup>1</sup> Though the bill establishes a preference for the “physician associate” title, it authorizes a practitioner to also use the title “physician assistant” if the practitioner holds a physician associate license issued by the State Medical Board.<sup>2</sup> In the case of a student, the bill grants to an individual enrolled in an accredited education program authority to use the title “physician associate student.”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 4730.02.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 4730.02(A).

<sup>3</sup> R.C. 4730.03(G).

Second, the bill replaces Revised Code references to physician assistants with references to physician associates.<sup>4</sup> Finally, the bill specifies that any reference to a physician assistant in any statute, rule, contract, or other document is deemed to refer to a physician associate.<sup>5</sup>

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## HISTORY

Action	Date
Introduced	06-11-25

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<sup>4</sup> See *e.g.*, R.C. Chapter 4730.

<sup>5</sup> R.C. 4730.011.