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Senate Bill 987 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Senate Bill 988 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Bruce Patterson
Committee: Health Policy

CONTENT

Senate Bill 987 (S-1) would amend Public Act 369 of 1974 (which governs driver training schools) to allow a licensed physician's assistant or certified nurse practitioner to complete the medical examination report that must accompany an application for licensure as a driver training school instructor. (Currently, the report must be completed by a physician.) The bill also specifies that the amended section of the Act would not require new or additional third party reimbursement or worker's compensation benefits for services rendered.

Senate Bill 988 (S-1) would amend the Occupational Code to allow a licensed physician's assistant or certified nurse practitioner to perform a physical exam of a boxing contestant, which currently must be performed by a physician. The bill specifies that the amended sections of the Code would not require new or additional third party reimbursement or worker's compensation benefits for services rendered.

The Code states that it does not apply to a boxing contest in which all contestants pass a physical examination given by a licensed physician before the contest. Under the bill, the examination also could be given by a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.

The Code requires a person seeking a license as a judge, referee, or boxer to pass a physical examination acceptable to the athletic board of control and present evidence of passage to the Department of Labor and Economic Growth. The bill specifies that the examination would have to be performed by a licensed physician, licensed physician's assistant, or certified nurse practitioner.

The Code also requires that a contestant be certified by a licensed physician to be in proper physical condition before participating in a boxing contest. Under the bill, the contestant also could be certified by a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bills would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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