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Mr. President,

The Health and Human Services Committee recommends **S.B. 28**, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE AMENDMENTS, by Senator C. S. Bramble, be replaced and reports a favorable recommendation on **1st Sub. S.B. 28**, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MENTAL HEALTH PRACTICE AMENDMENTS with the following amendments:

1. Page 14, Line 425 through Page 15, Line 451:

- 425 (a) meets the requirements described in Subsections 58-70a-501.1(1)(a) through (c);
426 ~~{ and }~~
427 (b) engages in the practice of mental health therapy ~~{ in collaboration with~~
-} under the supervision of ;
428 (i) a physician assistant specializing in psychiatric mental health; or
429 (ii) a physician who is board certified in psychiatry ~~{ . }~~ ; and
(c) engages in the practice of mental health therapy in accordance with rules
made by the division regarding the supervision described in Subsection (9)(b).
430 ~~{ (10) (a) A physician assistant who does not specialize in psychiatric mental~~
~~health may~~
431 provide mental health therapy as defined in Section 58-60-102 if the physician
assistant enters
432 into a collaborative practice agreement with:
433 ~~— (i) a psychiatrist; or~~
434 ~~— (ii) a physician assistant specializing in psychiatric mental health.~~
435 ~~— (b) A physician assistant who provides mental health therapy under~~

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Subsection (9):-

- 436 ~~_____ (i) may provide psychoeducation and limited supportive counseling;~~
437 ~~_____ (A) as part of a health care team; and~~
438 ~~_____ (B) in accordance with the physician assistant's collaborative practice~~
~~agreement;~~
439 ~~_____ (ii) may not practice independently or provide formal psychotherapy;~~
440 ~~_____ (iii) shall maintain a formal collaborative agreement at the practice that~~
~~describes the~~
441 ~~scope of services that may be provided by the physician assistant; and~~
442 ~~_____ (iv) shall make the collaborative agreement available to the division or the~~
~~board upon~~
443 ~~request by the division or the board.~~
444 ~~_____ (c) A physician assistant who practices in a non-psychiatric setting may~~
~~provide mental~~
445 ~~health therapy as defined in Section 58-60-102, including psychoeducation and~~
~~limited~~
446 ~~supportive counseling, if:~~
447 ~~_____ (i) the services are consistent with:~~
448 ~~_____ (A) customary and accepted practices for the physician assistant's practice~~
~~setting;~~
449 ~~_____ (B) the physician assistant's education, training, and experience; and~~
450 ~~_____ (C) applicable standards of care; and~~
451 ~~_____ (ii) the physician assistant does not provide formal psychotherapy. }~~

Respectfully,

Michael S. Kennedy
Chair

Voting: 8-0-0

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