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Present law authorizes the La. Dept. of Veteran Affairs (LDVA), in collaboration with each state agency or professional or occupational licensing board or commission that regulates the practice of a healthcare profession, to establish a pilot program in which military medical personnel may practice and perform certain delegated acts that constitute healthcare services under the supervision of a physician or podiatrist who holds an active, unrestricted license in La.

Present law requires the activities to reflect the level of training and experience of the military medical personnel and requires the supervising physician or podiatrist to retain responsibility for the care of the patient.

Present law requires LDVA to report to the governor and to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare no later than 30 days prior to the start of the regular legislative session each year on the progress of the pilot program and to provide a written report of findings and recommendations upon termination of the program.

Present law provides for the licensure of physician assistants who have met the following criteria:

- (1) Submits an application on the forms approved by the board.
- (2) Pays the appropriate fee as determined by the board.
- (3) Has successfully completed an education program for physician assistants accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation, its predecessors, or its successors and who has passed the physician assistant national certifying examination administered by the National Commission on Certification of Physicians' Assistants.
- (4) Certifies that he is mentally and physically able to engage in practice as a physician assistant.
- (5) Has no licensure, certification, or registration as a physician assistant in any jurisdiction under current discipline, revocation, suspension, or probation for cause resulting from the applicant's practice as a physician assistant, unless the board considers such condition and agrees to licensure.
- (6) Is of good moral character.
- (7) Submits to the board any other information the board deems necessary to evaluate the applicant's qualifications.

(8) Has been approved by the board.

Proposed law retains present law but provides that the educational requirement may be fulfilled by completing an educational program for special forces, special operations combat medic, advanced tactical practitioner which is taught by a branch of the U.S. armed forces so long as he, the applicant, has served as a special forces, special operations combat medic, advanced tactical practitioner for at least one year after completing the educational training.

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(Amends R.S. 37:1360.24(A))