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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE BILL

No. 76 Session of 2025

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FLOOD, SHAFFER AND FIEDLER, JANUARY 14, 2025

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE,  
JANUARY 14, 2025

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AN ACT

1 Amending the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),  
2 entitled "An act relating to the right to practice medicine  
3 and surgery and the right to practice medically related acts;  
4 reestablishing the State Board of Medical Education and  
5 Licensure as the State Board of Medicine and providing for  
6 its composition, powers and duties; providing for the  
7 issuance of licenses and certificates and the suspension and  
8 revocation of licenses and certificates; provided penalties;  
9 and making repeals," further providing for definitions.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. The definitions of "doctor of osteopathy or  
13 osteopathic doctor" and "primary supervising physician" in  
14 section 2 of the act of December 20, 1985 (P.L.457, No.112),  
15 known as the Medical Practice Act of 1985, are amended to read:

16 Section 2. Definitions.

17 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall  
18 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the  
19 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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1 "Doctor of osteopathy or osteopathic doctor." An individual  
2 licensed to practice osteopathic medicine and surgery by the  
3 State Board of Osteopathic [Medical Examiners.] Medicine under  
4 the act of October 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, No.261), known as the  
5 Osteopathic Medical Practice Act.

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7 "Primary supervising physician." A medical doctor who is  
8 [registered with the board and] licensed by the board or a  
9 doctor of osteopathy or osteopathic doctor who is licensed by  
10 the State Board of Osteopathic Medicine and is designated in a  
11 written agreement with a physician assistant under section 13(e)  
12 as having primary responsibility for supervising the physician  
13 assistant.

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15 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.