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**ACT SUMMARY**

- Permits certain medical physical examinations required by the Revised Code to be performed by an individual who is a physician assistant, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse-midwife.
- Requires that any written documentation of the examination be completed by the individual who performed it.

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**CONTENT AND OPERATION**

**Background**

**Nurses with special certificates**

The Revised Code provides for issuance of special certificates to registered nurses with advanced training. These certificates authorize a scope of practice beyond that of other registered nurses. The nurses include clinical nurse

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\* *The Legislative Service Commission had not received formal notification of the effective date at the time this analysis was prepared. Additionally, the analysis may not reflect action taken by the Governor.*

specialists, certified nurse practitioners, and certified nurse midwives. (Revised Code §§ 4723.01 and 4723.43.)

A clinical nurse specialist may provide and manage the care of persons with complex health problems and provide health care services that promote, improve, and manage health care.

A certified nurse practitioner may provide preventative and primary care services and evaluate and promote patient wellness.

A certified nurse-midwife may provide the management of preventive services and those primary care services necessary to provide health care to women antepartally, intrapartally, postpartally, and gynecologically.

**Physician assistants**

Physician assistants are licensed in Ohio to provide services to patients under the supervision and direction of one or more physicians who are responsible for the physician assistant's performance. (Revised Code §§ 4730.01, 4730.19, and 4730.21.) Services that may be performed by physician assistants include obtaining comprehensive patient histories, performing physical examinations, and performing routine laboratory, radiological, and diagnostic studies (R.C. § 4730.16).

**The act**

Medical physical examinations are required by the Revised Code for many different purposes. Prior law required that many of these examinations be performed by a physician. The act permits a number of medical physical examinations to be performed by an individual who is a physician assistant, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse-midwife. It also requires that any written documentation of the examination be completed by the individual who performed it.

The chart below lists the Revised Code sections the act amends and gives a brief description of each examination that may be performed under the act by a physician assistant, clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse practitioner, or certified nurse-midwife.

Revised Code section	Examination
§ 124.32	Reinstatement to a position in the state's classified civil service following injury or disability

Revised Code section	Examination
§§ 124.41, 124.42	Original appointment to a police department as a police officer or to a fire department as a fire fighter
§ 124.50	Reinstatement of a police officer or fire fighter who was injured or disabled
§§ 503.45, 503.47	Applicant for a massager's license and periodic certification of massager
§ 505.38	Volunteer fire fighters in township fire departments
§ 709.012	Township fire fighters offered employment by an annexing municipal corporation
§ 737.15	Village chief of police
§ 737.16	Deputy marshals, police officers, night guards, and special police officers appointed by the mayor of a village
§ 737.22	Person appointed to the position of village fire chief, fire prevention officer, permanent full-time fire fighter, or volunteer fire fighter
§ 911.11	Person working or intending to work in a bakery
§ 1531.26	Member of a mine rescue crew
§ 2151.53	Person taken into custody by a juvenile court (The act specifies that a physical examination for a person in the custody of the juvenile court may be conducted by a physician assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse practitioner. A mental examination may be conducted by a clinical nurse specialist who practices in the specialty of mental health or psychiatric mental health.)
§ 2743.62	Victim or claimant for crime victim's compensation
§ 2907.29	Victim of a sexual offense



Revised Code section	Examination
§ 3107.02	Individual to be adopted
§ 3111.91	The donor in a non-spousal artificial insemination
§ 3319.13	Reinstatement of a teacher returning from duty in the uniformed services
§ 3327.10	School bus or van driver (Continuing law authorizes a clinical nurse specialist or certified nurse practitioner to conduct these examinations. The act also authorizes a physician assistant or certified nurse-midwife to conduct them.)
§§ 3331.02, 3331.06, 3331.07	Issuance of an age and schooling certificate to a child applying for employment (The act permits a physician assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse practitioner to conduct these examinations.)
§§ 3773.41, 3773.42, 3773.45	A referee, judge, matchmaker, timekeeper, contestant, manager, trainer, or second of a contestant in a public boxing match or exhibition
§ 3919.29	Issuance of a life, accident, or life and accident insurance certificate or policy
§§ 4506.10, 4507.20	Applicant for a commercial driver's license and, if required by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, an individual who has accrued seven violation points on driving record
§ 4715.30	Dentist or dental hygienist who is under investigation for misconduct
§ 4933.122	Public utility consumer who needs the operation of medical or life-supporting equipment and requests an extended payment plan for utility service
§ 5103.0327	Determination of foster home placement



Revised Code section	Examination
§ 5104.011	Child day-care if examination is required by rule of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
§ 5503.08	Highway patrol officers taking occupational injury leave

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## HISTORY

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