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 substitute to SB 458:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 2 physicians, acupuncture, physician's assistants, cancer and glaucoma treatment, respiratory
 3 care, clinical perfusionists, and orthotics and prosthetics practice, so as to define and change
 4 the content of job descriptions for physician's assistants; to provide definitions; to provide
 5 for practice by physician's assistants in case of emergency or disaster; to provide exemptions
 6 from paying fees and temporary practice agreements under certain circumstances; to provide
 7 for an inactive licensure status; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date;
 8 to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

10 SECTION 1.

11 Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians,
 12 acupuncture, physician's assistants, cancer and glaucoma treatment, respiratory care, clinical
 13 perfusionists, and orthotics and prosthetics practice, is amended by adding a new paragraph
 14 (4.1) to Code Section 43-34-102, relating to definitions, to read as follows:

15 "(4.1) 'Job description' means a document, signed by the primary supervising physician
 16 and the physician's assistant whom the primary supervising physician is supervising,
 17 which consists of guidelines mutually developed by the primary supervising physician
 18 and the physician's assistant to be consistent with the primary supervising physician's
 19 scope of practice; and which document describes the professional background, scope of
 20 practice, and specialty of the primary supervising physician; the qualifications, including
 21 related experience of the physician's assistant; a general description of how the
 22 physician's assistant will be utilized in the practice; and how the physician's assistant will
 23 be supervised. A job description shall not be required to contain every activity the
 24 primary supervising physician deems the physician's assistant qualified to perform but
 25 shall confine the activities of the physician's assistant to those in the scope of practice of
 26 the primary supervising physician."

