GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

1971 SESSION

House Bill 890

Senate Bill 554

ENTITLED

AN ACT TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION TO THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT RELATING TO ASSISTANTS

TO PHYSICIANS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. G.S. 90-18 is hereby amended by adding a new subdivision to be designated subdivision (14) and to read as follows:

"(14) Any act, task or function performed by an assistant to a person licensed as a physician by the Board of Medical Examiners when

- a. such assistant is approved by and annually registered with the Board as one qualified by training or experience to function as an assistant to a physician, except that no more than two assistants may be currently registered for any physician, and
- b. such act, task or function is performed at the direction or under the supervision of such physician, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Board, and
- c. the services of the assistant are limited to assisting the physician in the particular field or fields for which the assistant has been trained, approved, and registered;

provided that this subdivision shall not limit or prevent any physician from delegating to a qualified person any acts, tasks or functions which are otherwise permitted by law or established by custom."

This act became effective when ratified on July 12, 1971.