
DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for full practice authority for nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives and certain signing authority for all advanced practice registered nurses.

Proposed law provides that if a provision of present law or present administrative rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician, the requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse practicing within his scope of practice unless prohibited by the rules of the La. State Board of Nursing (referred to hereafter as the "board") or the terms of a collaborative practice agreement to which the nurse is a party.

Proposed law stipulates that nothing therein shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse.

Proposed law provides that nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives (all advanced practice registered nurses) who meet all of the following qualifications shall be exempt from any requirement set forth in present law to enter into a collaborative practice agreement in order to perform advanced practice registered nursing:

- (1) Currently holds unencumbered, unrestricted, and valid registered nurse and advanced practice registered nurse licenses in La. and is not subject to disciplinary proceedings for any of the grounds provided in present law.
- (2) Has experience as recognized by the board to be no less than 250 hours in collaborative practice.
- (3) Has successfully completed academic coursework in physical assessment, advanced pharmacology, and advanced pathophysiology.

Proposed law provides that the board shall have the exclusive and final authority to determine whether a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse midwife has met the qualifications above.

Proposed law stipulates that upon application of a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, or certified nurse midwife, if the board determines that all qualifications required by proposed law have been met, that nurse shall not be required to enter into a collaborative practice agreement in order to perform advanced practice registered nursing.

Proposed law authorizes the board to revoke an exemption from collaborative practice requirements granted pursuant thereto at any time if it determines that an advanced practice registered nurse no longer meets the qualifications required by proposed law.

Proposed law revises definitions provided in present law as necessary for conformity with proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 37:913(3)(a)(vii) and (ix), (8), and (9)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 37:936 and 1020.11)