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## DIGEST

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HB 495 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Allows full practice authority for advanced practice registered nurses through the repeal of collaborative practice agreement requirements.

Proposed law repeals from present law relative to the practice of nursing the defined terms "collaborative practice" and "collaborative practice agreement" and their corresponding definitions. Additionally, repeals occurrences of these terms in present law relative to behavioral health.

Present law defines "advanced practice registered nursing", in part, to include the following:

- (1) Analyzing multiple sources of data and identifying and performing certain acts of medical diagnosis in accordance with the collaborative practice agreement.
- (2) Making decisions in solving patient care problems and selecting treatment regimens in collaboration with a licensed physician, dentist, or other healthcare provider as indicated.
- (3) Consulting with or referring patients to licensed physicians, dentists, and other healthcare providers in accordance with a collaborative practice agreement.

Proposed law deletes from the provisions of present law listed above all references to collaborative practice agreements and collaboration with a licensed physician, dentist, or other healthcare provider. Also deletes from present law references to nurses performing acts of medical diagnosis. Otherwise, retains present law.

Proposed law repeals from present law references to a collaborating physician in provisions relative to advanced practice registered nurses providing certain treatment for substance use disorders and in other laws pertaining to behavioral health.

Proposed law repeals from present law references to collaborative practice agreements in provisions relative to advanced practice registered nurses administering anesthetics.

Proposed law repeals from present law a requirement that advanced practice registered nurses employed by public health clinics perform the following procedures only under a protocol approved by a licensed physician:

- (1) Inserting into the subcutaneous space a medication implant to treat sexually transmitted diseases or to prevent pregnancy.

- (2) Distributing a therapeutic regimen of medication, to be consumed by a patient off premises, to treat sexually transmitted diseases or to prevent pregnancy.

Proposed law requires the La. State Board of Nursing to grant prescribing authority through the advanced practice registered nurse license. Provides that such prescribing authority shall include the authority of the advanced practice registered nurse to do all of the following:

- (1) Diagnose, prescribe, and institute therapy or referrals of patients to healthcare agencies or other healthcare providers and to community resources.
- (2) Prescribe and administer pharmacological agents, including over-the-counter medications, legend drugs, and controlled substances, within his scope of practice.
- (3) Plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes ordering and prescribing non-pharmacological interventions including but not limited to durable medical equipment, medical devices, nutrition, blood and blood products, and diagnostic and supportive services including but not limited to home health care, hospice, and physical and occupational therapy.

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 in accordance with the provisions of present law and proposed law.

(Amends R.S. 28:2(28), 51.1(A)(3)(a), (b), and (d), and 53(B)(1) and R.S. 37:913(3)(a)(vii)-(ix), (b), and (c), 930(E) and (F), and 933; Adds R.S. 37:936 and 937; Repeals R.S. 28:51.1(A)(3)(c) and R.S. 37:913(7)-(9))

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Health and Welfare to the original bill:

1. Delete proposed law which would have revised present law to authorize certified registered nurse anesthetists to provide anesthesia care within their scope of practice under the direction and supervision of a physician or dentist who is licensed to practice under the laws of this state.
2. Revise present law to provide that certified registered nurse anesthetists shall not be required to have prescriptive authority to provide anesthesia care within their scope of practice under the direction and supervision of a physician or dentist who is licensed to practice under the laws of this state.