The original instrument was prepared by Christine Arbo Peck. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by Linda Nugent.

DIGEST

SB 187 Reengrossed 2016 Regular Session Barrow

Present law provides a definition for advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) including performing acts under a collaborative practice agreement. Proposed law provides exceptions from the collaborative practice agreement under proposed law.

Proposed law establishes a new Part regarding collaborative practice agreements which allows the board of nursing to promulgate rules to cover circumstances in which an exemption from the collaborative practice agreement is permitted. Further, provides for minimum qualifications for exemption from the collaborative practice agreement mandate, including at least 2,000 hours of experience in a collaborative practice. Provides for application, issuance of a certificate, and revocation authority for the board.

Proposed law provides that the exemption shall only be applicable in a parish designated by federal law to be wholly or in part a primary care health shortage area.

Three years after implementation of proposed law, the La. State Nursing Board shall submit to the House and Senate committees on health and welfare a written report providing a status update and review of implementation.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:913(3)(a)(vii) and (ix), (8), and (9)(intro para); adds R.S. 37:1018.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Increases the number of hours of experience required from 250 to 2,000.

2. Limits the exemption to a parish that is designated by federal law to be a primary care health shortage area.

3. Requires a written report by the La. State Nursing Board providing a status update and review of implementation after three years.