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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF ADVANCED NURSING PRACTICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 20-87a of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2007*):

4 (b) Advanced nursing practice is defined as the performance of
5 advanced level nursing practice activities that, by virtue of postbasic
6 specialized education and experience, are appropriate to and may be
7 performed by an advanced practice registered nurse. The advanced
8 practice registered nurse performs acts of diagnosis and treatment of
9 alterations in health status, as described in subsection (a) of this
10 section, and [~~shall collaborate~~] works collaboratively with [~~a physician~~
11 ~~licensed to practice medicine in this state~~] other health care providers
12 licensed to practice in this state. In all settings, the advanced practice
13 registered nurse may [, in collaboration with a physician licensed to
14 practice medicine in this state,] prescribe, dispense and administer
15 medical therapeutics and corrective measures and may request, sign
16 for, receive and dispense drugs in the form of professional samples in

17 accordance with sections 20-14c to 20-14e, inclusive. [, except that an
18 advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to section 20-94a
19 and maintaining current certification from the American Association of
20 Nurse Anesthetists who is prescribing and administrating medical
21 therapeutics during surgery may only do so if the physician who is
22 medically directing the prescriptive activity is physically present in the
23 institution, clinic or other setting where the surgery is being
24 performed. For purposes of this subsection, "collaboration" means a
25 mutually agreed upon relationship between an advanced practice
26 registered nurse and a physician who is educated, trained or has
27 relevant experience that is related to the work of such advanced
28 practice registered nurse. The collaboration shall address a reasonable
29 and appropriate level of consultation and referral, coverage for the
30 patient in the absence of the advanced practice registered nurse, a
31 method to review patient outcomes and a method of disclosure of the
32 relationship to the patient. Relative to the exercise of prescriptive
33 authority, the collaboration between an advanced practice registered
34 nurse and a physician shall be in writing and shall address the level of
35 schedule II and III controlled substances that the advanced practice
36 registered nurse may prescribe and provide a method to review
37 patient outcomes, including, but not limited to, the review of medical
38 therapeutics, corrective measures, laboratory tests and other diagnostic
39 procedures that the advanced practice registered nurse may prescribe,
40 dispense and administer.] An advanced practice registered nurse
41 licensed under the provisions of this chapter may make the
42 determination and pronouncement of death of a patient, provided the
43 advanced practice registered nurse attests to such pronouncement on
44 the certificate of death and signs the certificate of death no later than
45 twenty-four hours after the pronouncement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	20-87a(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To revise the scope of practice of advanced nursing.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]