

HCS SS SCS SB 682 -- INTERVENTIONAL PAIN MANAGEMENT

This bill prohibits any person other than a licensed physician from performing specified interventions in the course of diagnosing or treating chronic, persistent, and intractable pain or pain occurring outside of a surgical, obstetrical, or post-operative course of care. The techniques limited to a licensed physician are ablation of targeted nerves; percutaneous precision needle placement within the spinal column with placement of drugs in the spinal column under fluoroscopic guidance with specified exceptions; or laser or endoscopic discectomy or the surgical placement of intrathecal infusion pumps and/or spinal cord stimulators. These provisions cannot be construed to prohibit or restrict the performance of surgical or obstetrical anesthesia services or post-operative pain control by a certified registered nurse anesthetist or licensed anesthesiologist assistant. The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of the bill but it cannot define or regulate the scope of practice of certified registered nurse anesthetists.

The provisions of the bill expire four years after the effective date.