

HB 1491 -- ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING

SPONSOR: Lichtenegger

This bill specifies an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) is a person licensed and authorized to engage in the practice of advanced practice professional nursing, and accountable to patients and the Board of Nursing for the quality of care rendered and for consulting with or referring patients to other providers, when appropriate.

Advanced practice registered nursing is defined as the performance of population-focused advanced nursing with advanced education and specialized training, and includes the performance of patient assessment, performing tests and procedures, ordering medications in accordance with prescriptive authority, and additional acts specified in the bill.

A licensed APRN is authorized to prescribe medication within the nurse's population-focused practice and specialty and prescribe, procure, administer, and dispense samples.

The bill specifies application requirements in order to become licensed as an APRN. Once an APRN license has been issued, the license holder's APRN license and registered nurse license shall be treated as one license for renewal purposes.