## HB 1502 -- ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

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This bill defines the practice of advanced practice nursing and requires that all advanced practice nurses (APRNs) be licensed by the state of Missouri. The bill requires APRNs to practice as part of a collaborative practice arrangement with a physician for at least two years. After two years, an APRN who meets certain requirements can practice without being in collaboration with a physician. However, APRNs who obtain a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority in order to administer, dispense, or prescribe controlled substances listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of Section 195.017, RSMo, and Schedule II--hydrocodone must only do so within the parameters of a collaborate practice arrangement, regardless of how long they have been practicing. The bill also changes the current requirements to obtain a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority by removing all of the preeceptorial and practical experience requirements.