

HB 879 -- HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS

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This bill requires that any advertisement for the services of a health care practitioner use certain titles as described in the bill. Any such advertisement shall also include the practitioner's full name and title, and shall not include any fraudulent misrepresentation.

If such advertisement refers to a health care practitioner as "board certified", the advertisement shall include the entire name of the board that issued the certification. It shall be considered fraudulent misrepresentation for any health care practitioner to advertise himself or herself as "board certified" when the practitioner is not currently board certified (Section 324.044).

The bill prohibits any person not now a registered physician within the meaning of the law to use or imply the use of certain words or terms as outlined in the bill.

This bill provides that nothing in the bill shall be construed to prohibit a health care practitioner from practicing his or her profession within the scope of the practitioner's license or certificate (Section 334.010).

Under the bill, any person who holds a license or recognition to practice advanced practice nursing in this state may only use the title "advanced practice registered nurse", and the abbreviation "APRN, and any title designations set forth in the bill, including certified advanced practice registered nurse, advance practice nurse, nurse anesthetist, certified registered nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, certified nurse midwife, nurse practitioner, certified nurse practitioner, certified nurse specialist, doctor of nursing practice, or certified clinical nurse specialist (Section 335.076).

This bill is similar to SB 8 (2021) and SB 942 (2020).