### SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# **HOUSE BILL NO. 1635**

# 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE OVERCAST.

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# AN ACT

To repeal sections 195.070, 334.104, 335.016, and 335.019, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof four new sections relating to advanced practice registered nurses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

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Section A. Sections 195.070, 334.104, 335.016, and 335.019, RSMo, are repealed and four new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 195.070, 334.104, 335.016, and 335.019, to read as follows:

195.070. 1. A physician, podiatrist, dentist, a registered optometrist certified to administer pharmaceutical agents as provided in section 336.220, or an assistant physician in accordance with section 334.037 or a physician assistant in accordance with section 334.747 4 in good faith and in the course of his or her professional practice only, may prescribe, administer, and dispense controlled substances or he or she may cause the same to be administered or dispensed by an individual as authorized by statute.

- 2. An advanced practice registered nurse, as defined in section 335.016, but not a certified registered nurse anesthetist as defined in subdivision (8) of section 335.016, who 9 holds a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority from the board of nursing under section 335.019 and who is either delegated the authority to prescribe controlled substances under a collaborative practice arrangement under section 334.104 or exempt from the requirement to work in a collaborative practice arrangement under the provisions of subsection 12 of section 334.104 may prescribe any controlled substances listed in Schedules
- 14 III, IV, and V of section 195.017, and may have restricted authority in Schedule II.
- Prescriptions for Schedule II medications prescribed by an advanced practice registered nurse
- 16 who has a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority are restricted to only those

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

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medications containing hydrocodone and Schedule II controlled substances for hospice patients pursuant to the provisions of section 334.104. However, no such certified advanced 18 practice registered nurse shall prescribe controlled substance for his or her own self or family. 20 Schedule III narcotic controlled substance and Schedule II - hydrocodone prescriptions shall 21 be limited to a one hundred twenty-hour supply without refill.

- 3. A veterinarian, in good faith and in the course of the veterinarian's professional practice only, and not for use by a human being, may prescribe, administer, and dispense controlled substances and the veterinarian may cause them to be administered by an assistant or orderly under his or her direction and supervision.
- 4. A practitioner shall not accept any portion of a controlled substance unused by a patient, for any reason, if such practitioner did not originally dispense the drug, except:
- (1) When the controlled substance is delivered to the practitioner to administer to the patient for whom the medication is prescribed as authorized by federal law. Practitioners shall maintain records and secure the medication as required by this chapter and regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter; or
  - (2) As provided in section 195.265.
- 5. An individual practitioner shall not prescribe or dispense a controlled substance for 33 34 such practitioner's personal use except in a medical emergency.
- 334.104. 1. A physician may enter into collaborative practice arrangements with 2 registered professional nurses. Collaborative practice arrangements shall be in the form of 3 written agreements, jointly agreed-upon protocols, or standing orders for the delivery of health care services. Collaborative practice arrangements, which shall be in writing, may delegate to a registered professional nurse the authority to administer or dispense drugs and provide treatment as long as the delivery of such health care services is within the scope of practice of the registered professional nurse and is consistent with that nurse's skill, training and competence.
  - 2. (1) Collaborative practice arrangements, which shall be in writing, may delegate to a registered professional nurse the authority to administer, dispense or prescribe drugs and provide treatment if the registered professional nurse is an advanced practice registered nurse as defined in subdivision (2) of section 335.016. Collaborative practice arrangements may delegate to an advanced practice registered nurse, as defined in section 335.016, the authority to administer, dispense, or prescribe controlled substances listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of section 195.017, and Schedule II - hydrocodone; except that, the collaborative practice arrangement shall not delegate the authority to administer any controlled substances listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of section 195.017, or Schedule II - hydrocodone for the purpose of inducing sedation or general anesthesia for therapeutic, diagnostic, or surgical procedures.

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Schedule III narcotic controlled substance and Schedule II - hydrocodone prescriptions shall be limited to a one hundred twenty-hour supply without refill. 20

- (2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section to the contrary, a collaborative practice arrangement may delegate to an advanced practice registered nurse the authority to administer, dispense, or prescribe Schedule II controlled substances for hospice patients; provided, that the advanced practice registered nurse is employed by a hospice provider certified pursuant to chapter 197 and the advanced practice registered nurse is providing care to hospice patients pursuant to a collaborative practice arrangement that designates the certified hospice as a location where the advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to practice and prescribe.
- Such collaborative practice arrangements shall be in the form of written (3) agreements, jointly agreed-upon protocols or standing orders for the delivery of health care 30 services.
  - (4) An advanced practice registered nurse may prescribe buprenorphine for up to a thirty-day supply without refill for patients receiving medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders under the direction of the collaborating physician.
- 3. The written collaborative practice arrangement shall contain at least the following provisions: 36
  - (1) Complete names, home and business addresses, zip codes, and telephone numbers of the collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse;
  - (2) A list of all other offices or locations besides those listed in subdivision (1) of this subsection where the collaborating physician authorized the advanced practice registered nurse to prescribe;
  - (3) A requirement that there shall be posted at every office where the advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to prescribe, in collaboration with a physician, a prominently displayed disclosure statement informing patients that they may be seen by an advanced practice registered nurse and have the right to see the collaborating physician;
  - (4) All specialty or board certifications of the collaborating physician and all certifications of the advanced practice registered nurse;
  - The manner of collaboration between the collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse, including how the collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse will:
- 51 (a) Engage in collaborative practice consistent with each professional's skill, training, 52 education, and competence; and
- (b) [Maintain geographic proximity, except as specified in this paragraph. The following provisions shall apply with respect to this requirement: 54

a. Until August 28, 2025, an advanced practice registered nurse providing services in a correctional center, as defined in section 217.010, and his or her collaborating physician shall satisfy the geographic proximity requirement if they practice within two hundred miles by road of one another. An incarcerated patient who requests or requires a physician consultation shall be treated by a physician as soon as appropriate;

b. The collaborative practice arrangement may allow for geographic proximity to be waived for a maximum of twenty-eight days per calendar year for rural health clinics as defined by Pub.L. 95-210 (42 U.S.C. Section 1395x, as amended), as long as the collaborative practice arrangement includes alternative plans as required in paragraph (e) of this subdivision. This exception to geographic proximity shall apply only to independent rural health clinics, provider-based rural health clinics where the provider is a critical access hospital as provided in 42 U.S.C. Section 1395i-4, and provider-based rural health clinics where the main location of the hospital sponsor is greater than fifty miles from the clinic;

- e. The collaborative practice arrangement may allow for geographic proximity to be waived when the arrangement outlines the use of telehealth, as defined in section 191.1145;
- d. In addition to the waivers and exemptions provided in this subsection, an application for a waiver for any other reason of any applicable geographic proximity shall be available if a physician is collaborating with an advanced practice registered nurse in excess of any geographic proximity limit. The board of nursing and the state board of registration for the healing arts shall review each application for a waiver of geographic proximity and approve the application if the boards determine that adequate supervision exists between the collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse. The boards shall have forty-five calendar days to review the completed application for the waiver of geographic proximity. If no action is taken by the boards within forty-five days after the submission of the application for a waiver, then the application shall be deemed approved. If the application is denied by the boards, the provisions of section 536.063 for contested cases shall apply and govern proceedings for appellate purposes; and
- e. The collaborating physician is required to maintain documentation related to this requirement and to present it to the state board of registration for the healing arts when requested; and
- (e)] Provide coverage during absence, incapacity, infirmity, or emergency by the collaborating physician;
- (6) A description of the advanced practice registered nurse's controlled substance prescriptive authority in collaboration with the physician, including a list of the controlled substances the physician authorizes the nurse to prescribe and documentation that it is consistent with each professional's education, knowledge, skill, and competence;

91 (7) A list of all other written practice agreements of the collaborating physician and 92 the advanced practice registered nurse;

- (8) The duration of the written practice agreement between the collaborating physician and the advanced practice registered nurse;
- (9) A description of the time and manner of the collaborating physician's review of the advanced practice registered nurse's delivery of health care services. The description shall include provisions that the advanced practice registered nurse shall submit a minimum of ten percent of the charts documenting the advanced practice registered nurse's delivery of health care services to the collaborating physician for review by the collaborating physician, or any other physician designated in the collaborative practice arrangement, every fourteen days;
- (10) The collaborating physician, or any other physician designated in the collaborative practice arrangement, shall review every fourteen days a minimum of twenty percent of the charts in which the advanced practice registered nurse prescribes controlled substances. The charts reviewed under this subdivision may be counted in the number of charts required to be reviewed under subdivision (9) of this subsection; and
- (11) If a collaborative practice arrangement is used in clinical situations where a collaborating advanced practice registered nurse provides health care services that include the diagnosis and initiation of treatment for acutely or chronically ill or injured persons, then the collaborating physician or any other physician designated in the collaborative practice arrangement shall be present for sufficient periods of time, at least once every two weeks, except in extraordinary circumstances that shall be documented, to participate in a chart review and to provide necessary medical direction, medical services, consultations, and supervision of the health care staff.
- 4. The state board of registration for the healing arts pursuant to section 334.125 and the board of nursing pursuant to section 335.036 may jointly promulgate rules regulating the use of collaborative practice arrangements. Such rules shall be limited to the methods of treatment that may be covered by collaborative practice arrangements and the requirements for review of services provided pursuant to collaborative practice arrangements including delegating authority to prescribe controlled substances. [Any rules relating to geographic proximity shall allow a collaborating physician and a collaborating advanced practice registered nurse to practice within two hundred miles by road of one another until August 28, 2025, if the nurse is providing services in a correctional center, as defined in section 217.010.] The state board of registration for the healing arts and the board of nursing shall not promulgate rules to enforce any geographic proximity restrictions, including any mileage or distance restrictions for advanced practice registered nurses or physicians, for collaborative practice arrangements. Any rules governing geographic proximity in effect before August 28, 2026, shall no longer be effective. Any collaborative practice

arrangements that contain provisions relating to geographic proximity requirements shall be deemed unenforceable. Any rules relating to dispensing or distribution of medications or devices by prescription or prescription drug orders under this section shall be subject to the approval of the state board of pharmacy. Any rules relating to dispensing or distribution of controlled substances by prescription or prescription drug orders under this section shall be subject to the approval of the department of health and senior services and the state board of pharmacy. In order to take effect, such rules shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of each board. Neither the state board of registration for the healing arts nor the board of nursing may separately promulgate rules relating to collaborative practice arrangements. Such jointly promulgated rules shall be consistent with guidelines for federally funded clinics. The rulemaking authority granted in this subsection shall not extend to collaborative practice arrangements of hospital employees providing inpatient care within hospitals as defined pursuant to chapter 197 or population-based public health services as defined by 20 CSR 2150- 5.100 as of April 30, 2008.

- 5. The state board of registration for the healing arts shall not deny, revoke, suspend or otherwise take disciplinary action against a physician for health care services delegated to a registered professional nurse provided the provisions of this section and the rules promulgated thereunder are satisfied. Upon the written request of a physician subject to a disciplinary action imposed as a result of an agreement between a physician and a registered professional nurse or registered physician assistant, whether written or not, prior to August 28, 1993, all records of such disciplinary licensure action and all records pertaining to the filing, investigation or review of an alleged violation of this chapter incurred as a result of such an agreement shall be removed from the records of the state board of registration for the healing arts and the division of professional registration and shall not be disclosed to any public or private entity seeking such information from the board or the division. The state board of registration for the healing arts shall take action to correct reports of alleged violations and disciplinary actions as described in this section which have been submitted to the National Practitioner Data Bank. In subsequent applications or representations relating to his or her medical practice, a physician completing forms or documents shall not be required to report any actions of the state board of registration for the healing arts for which the records are subject to removal under this section.
- 6. Within thirty days of any change and on each renewal, the state board of registration for the healing arts shall require every physician to identify whether the physician is engaged in any collaborative practice arrangement, including collaborative practice arrangements delegating the authority to prescribe controlled substances, or physician assistant collaborative practice arrangement and also report to the board the name of each licensed professional with whom the physician has entered into such arrangement. The board

shall make this information available to the public. The board shall track the reported information and may routinely conduct random reviews of such arrangements to ensure that arrangements are carried out for compliance under this chapter.

- 7. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a certified registered nurse anesthetist as defined in subdivision (8) of section 335.016 shall be permitted to provide anesthesia services without a collaborative practice arrangement provided that he or she is under the supervision of an anesthesiologist or other physician, dentist, or podiatrist who is immediately available if needed. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit or prevent a certified registered nurse anesthetist as defined in subdivision (8) of section 335.016 from entering into a collaborative practice arrangement under this section, except that the collaborative practice arrangement may not delegate the authority to prescribe any controlled substances listed in Schedules III, IV, and V of section 195.017, or Schedule II hydrocodone.
- 8. A collaborating physician shall not enter into a collaborative practice arrangement with more than six full-time equivalent advanced practice registered nurses, full-time equivalent licensed physician assistants, or full-time equivalent assistant physicians, or any combination thereof. This limitation shall not apply to collaborative arrangements of hospital employees providing inpatient care service in hospitals as defined in chapter 197 or population-based public health services as defined by 20 CSR 2150- 5.100 as of April 30, 2008, or to a certified registered nurse anesthetist providing anesthesia services under the supervision of an anesthesiologist or other physician, dentist, or podiatrist who is immediately available if needed as set out in subsection 7 of this section.
- 9. [It is the responsibility of the collaborating physician to determine and document the completion of at least a one-month period of time during which the advanced practice registered nurse shall practice with the collaborating physician continuously present before practicing in a setting where the collaborating physician is not continuously present. This limitation shall not apply to collaborative arrangements of providers of population-based public health services, as defined by 20 CSR 2150 5.100 as of April 30, 2008, or to collaborative practice arrangements between a primary care physician and a primary care advanced practice registered nurse or a behavioral health physician and a behavioral health advanced practice registered nurse, where the collaborating physician is new to a patient population to which the advanced practice registered nurse is familiar.
- 10.] No agreement made under this section shall supersede current hospital licensing regulations governing hospital medication orders under protocols or standing orders for the purpose of delivering inpatient or emergency care within a hospital as defined in section 197.020 if such protocols or standing orders have been approved by the hospital's medical staff and pharmaceutical therapeutics committee.

[11.] 10. No contract or other term of employment shall require a physician to act as a collaborating physician for an advanced practice registered nurse against the physician's will. A physician shall have the right to refuse to act as a collaborating physician, without penalty, for a particular advanced practice registered nurse. No contract or other agreement shall limit the collaborating physician's ultimate authority over any protocols or standing orders or in the delegation of the physician's authority to any advanced practice registered nurse, but this requirement shall not authorize a physician in implementing such protocols, standing orders, or delegation to violate applicable standards for safe medical practice established by hospital's medical staff.

- [12.] 11. No contract or other term of employment shall require any advanced practice registered nurse to serve as a collaborating advanced practice registered nurse for any collaborating physician against the advanced practice registered nurse's will. An advanced practice registered nurse shall have the right to refuse to collaborate, without penalty, with a particular physician.
- 12. (1) As used in this subsection, the term "eligible advanced practice registered nurse" means an advanced practice registered nurse who is not a certified registered nurse anesthetist.
- (2) The provisions of subsections 1 to 11 of this section shall not apply to an eligible advanced practice registered nurse who:
- (a) Has a license in good standing and has been in a collaborative practice arrangement or arrangements for a cumulative total of two thousand documented hours with a collaborating physician or physicians; or
- (b) Has applied for and received licensure by endorsement and successfully demonstrated at the time of such application to the state board of nursing the completion of a cumulative total of two thousand documented hours of practice.
- (3) Any eligible advanced practice registered nurse described in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall not be required to enter into or remain in a collaborative practice arrangement in order to practice in this state. Any other provision of law requiring a collaborative practice arrangement or delegation shall not apply to an eligible advanced practice registered nurse described in subdivision (2) of this subsection.
- 335.016. As used in this chapter, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the following words and terms mean:
- 3 (1) "Accredited", the official authorization or status granted by an agency for a 4 program through a voluntary process;
- 5 (2) "Advanced practice registered nurse" or "APRN", a person who is licensed under 6 the provisions of this chapter to engage in the practice of advanced practice nursing as a

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certified clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife, certified nurse practitioner, or certified registered nurse anesthetist;

- (3) "Approval", official recognition of nursing education programs which meet standards established by the board of nursing; 10
  - (4) "Board" or "state board", the state board of nursing;
- 12 (5) "Certified clinical nurse specialist", a registered nurse who is currently certified as 13 a clinical nurse specialist by a nationally recognized certifying board approved by the board 14 of nursing;
  - (6) "Certified nurse midwife", a registered nurse who is currently certified as a nurse midwife by the American Midwifery Certification Board, or other nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board of nursing;
  - (7) "Certified nurse practitioner", a registered nurse who is currently certified as a nurse practitioner by a nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board of nursing;
  - "Certified registered nurse anesthetist", a registered nurse who is currently certified as a nurse anesthetist by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetists, the National Board of Certification and Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists, or other nationally recognized certifying body approved by the board of nursing;
- 25 (9) "Executive director", a qualified individual employed by the board as executive 26 secretary or otherwise to administer the provisions of this chapter under the board's direction. 27 Such person employed as executive director shall not be a member of the board;
  - (10) "Inactive license status", as defined by rule pursuant to section 335.061;
  - (11) "Lapsed license status", as defined by rule under section 335.061;
  - (12) "Licensed practical nurse" or "practical nurse", a person licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to engage in the practice of practical nursing;
  - "Licensure", the issuing of a license to candidates who have met the requirements specified under this chapter, authorizing the person to engage in the practice of advanced practice, professional, or practical nursing, and the recording of the names of those persons as holders of a license to practice advanced practice, professional, or practical nursing;
  - (14) "Practice of advanced practice nursing", the performance for compensation of activities and services consistent with the required education, training, certification, demonstrated competencies, and experiences of an advanced practice registered nurse including, but not limited to, the prescription of pharmacologic and nonpharmacologic therapies as outlined in section 335.019;
  - (15) "Practice of practical nursing", the performance for compensation of selected acts for the promotion of health and in the care of persons who are ill, injured, or experiencing

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alterations in normal health processes. Such performance requires substantial specialized 44 skill, judgment and knowledge. All such nursing care shall be given under the direction of a 45 46 person licensed by a state regulatory board to prescribe medications and treatments or under the direction of a registered professional nurse. For the purposes of this chapter, the term 47 48 "direction" shall mean guidance or supervision provided by a person licensed by a state regulatory board to prescribe medications and treatments or a registered professional nurse, 49 including, but not limited to, oral, written, or otherwise communicated orders or directives for 51 patient care. When practical nursing care is delivered pursuant to the direction of a person licensed by a state regulatory board to prescribe medications and treatments or under the 52 direction of a registered professional nurse, such care may be delivered by a licensed practical 53 54 nurse without direct physical oversight;

- (16) "Practice of professional nursing", the performance for compensation of any act or action which requires substantial specialized education, judgment and skill based on knowledge and application of principles derived from the biological, physical, social, behavioral, and nursing sciences, including, but not limited to:
- (a) Responsibility for the promotion and teaching of health care and the prevention of 60 illness to the patient and his or her family;
  - (b) Assessment, data collection, nursing diagnosis, nursing care, evaluation, and counsel of persons who are ill, injured, or experiencing alterations in normal health processes;
  - (c) The administration of medications and treatments as prescribed by a person licensed by a state regulatory board to prescribe medications and treatments;
- 65 (d) The coordination and assistance in the determination and delivery of a plan of health care with all members of a health team; 66
  - (e) The teaching and supervision of other persons in the performance of any of the foregoing;
  - (17) "Registered professional nurse" or "registered nurse", a person licensed pursuant to the provisions of this chapter to engage in the practice of professional nursing;
  - (18) "Retired license status", any person licensed in this state under this chapter who retires from such practice. Such person shall file with the board an affidavit, on a form to be furnished by the board, which states the date on which the licensee retired from such practice, an intent to retire from the practice for at least two years, and such other facts as tend to verify the retirement as the board may deem necessary; but if the licensee thereafter reengages in the practice, the licensee shall renew his or her license with the board as provided by this chapter and by rule and regulation.
  - 335.019. 1. (1) An advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive authority shall include authority to:

[(1)] (a) Prescribe, dispense, and administer medications and nonscheduled legend drugs, as defined in section 338.330, and scheduled drugs, as described in section 195.070, within such APRN's practice and specialty; and

- [(2)] (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, receive, prescribe, administer, and provide nonscheduled legend drug samples from pharmaceutical manufacturers to patients at no charge to the patient or any other party.
- (2) The prescriptive authority described in this subsection shall apply to both advanced practice registered nurses who work in collaborative practice arrangements and advanced practice registered nurses who do not work in collaborative practice arrangements because they meet the requirements of subsection 12 of section 334.104.
- 2. The board of nursing may grant a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority to an advanced practice registered nurse who:
- (1) Submits proof of successful completion of an advanced pharmacology course that shall include preceptorial experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices; and
- (2) Provides documentation of a minimum of three hundred clock hours preceptorial experience in the prescription of drugs, medicines, and therapeutic devices with a qualified preceptor; and
- (3) Provides evidence of a minimum of one thousand hours of practice in an advanced practice nursing category prior to application for a certificate of prescriptive authority. The one thousand hours shall not include clinical hours obtained in the advanced practice nursing education program. The one thousand hours of practice in an advanced practice nursing category may include transmitting a prescription order orally or telephonically or to an inpatient medical record from protocols developed in collaboration with and signed by a licensed physician; and

## (4) Either:

- (a) Has a controlled substance prescribing authority delegated in the collaborative practice arrangement under section 334.104 with a physician who has an unrestricted federal Drug Enforcement Administration registration number and who is actively engaged in a practice comparable in scope, specialty, or expertise to that of the advanced practice registered nurse; or
- (b) Meets the requirements of subsection 12 of section 334.104 to be exempt from the requirement to work in a collaborative practice arrangement.

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