

HB 1981 -- ADMINISTRATION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY NURSES

SPONSOR: Cook

This bill permits a certified registered nurse anesthetist to select, issue orders for, and administer controlled substances that are listed in Schedules II, III, IV, and V during the course of providing anesthesia care to a patient. A certified registered nurse anesthetist is not permitted to prescribe these controlled substances and is not required to obtain a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority from the State Board of Nursing, within the Division of Professional Registration.

The bill modifies a provision governing collaborative practice arrangements between physicians and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). Current law states that these arrangements do not delegate an APRN the authority to administer any controlled substances in Schedules III, IV, and V, and Schedule II - hydrocodone. This bill changes the term "administer" to "prescribe" to account for the change made to the prescriptive authority of nurse anesthetists.

This bill is similar to HB 831 (2025).