

2019 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 276

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT JOHNSON

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

NURSES/REGISTERED: Grants advanced practice registered nurses signature authority on matters within their scope of practice

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 37:936, relative to advanced practice registered nurses; to authorize such
3 nurses to furnish signatures and other types of endorsements required of physicians
4 in certain instances; to provide conditions upon which such signature authority is
5 contingent; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 37:936 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §936. Advanced practice registered nurses; signature authority

9 A. If a provision of law or administrative rule requires a signature,
10 certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician, the
11 requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse practicing
12 within his scope of practice unless prohibited by the terms of a collaborative practice
13 agreement to which the nurse is a party.

14 B. Nothing in this Section shall be construed to expand the scope of practice
15 of an advanced practice registered nurse.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Grants advanced practice registered nurses signature authority on matters within their scope of practice unless prohibited by a collaborative practice agreement.

Proposed law provides that if a provision of present law or present administrative rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement by a physician, the requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered nurse practicing within his scope of practice unless prohibited by the terms of a collaborative practice agreement to which the nurse is a party.

Proposed law stipulates that nothing therein shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse.

(Adds R.S. 37:936)