

**NOT GERMANE**

1 Senators Thomas of the 10th and Butler of the 55th offered the following amendment:

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3 Amend SB 179 by inserting on line 8 of page 1 after the word and symbol "systems;" the  
4 following:

5 "to amend Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
6 relating to physician's assistants, so as to include advance practice registered nurses within  
7 the definition of 'physician's assistant'; to provide for prescription authority for advanced  
8 practice registered nurses;"

9 By striking line 15 of page 1 and inserting in its place the following:

10 "paragraphs (14.1) through (14.5), (18.05), and (38.5) and by striking paragraph (33) and  
11 inserting in lieu thereof the following:"

12 By inserting between lines 14 and 15 of page 2 the following:

13 "(33) "Practitioner" or "practitioner of the healing arts" means a physician, dentist,  
14 podiatrist, ~~or~~ veterinarian, physician's assistant, or advance practice registered nurse  
15 acting pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 and shall include any other person  
16 licensed under the laws of this state to use, mix, prepare, dispense, prescribe, and  
17 administer drugs in connection with medical treatment to the extent provided by the laws  
18 of this state."

19 By inserting between lines 16 and 17 of page 5 the following:

20 "Article 4 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
21 physician's assistants, is amended by striking paragraph (6) of Code Section 43-34-102,  
22 relating to definitions, and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

23 '(6) "Physician's assistant" means a skilled person qualified by academic and practical  
24 training to provide patients' services not necessarily within the physical presence but  
25 under the personal direction or supervision of the applying physician or a skilled person  
26 who is an advance practice registered nurse as defined in paragraph (1) of Code Section  
27 43-26-3.'

**SECTION 8.**

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29 Said article is further amended by striking paragraph (3) of subsection (e.1) of Code Section  
30 43-34-103, relating to application for assistant, number of assistants, new job descriptions,

1 scope of duties, employment by nonpracticing physicians, and delegated authority, and  
2 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

3 '(3) The physician's assistant shall only be authorized to exercise the rights granted  
4 under this subsection using a prescription drug or device order form which includes  
5 the name, address, and telephone number of the prescribing supervising physician, the  
6 patient's name and address, the drug or device prescribed, the number of refills, and  
7 directions to the patient with regard to the taking and dosage of the drug. Such form  
8 shall be signed by the physician's assistant using the following language:

9 'This prescription authorized through: (the prescribing supervising physician)(M.D. or  
10 D.O.) by (the physician's assistant)PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT or (the prescribing  
11 supervising physician) (M.D. or D.O.) by (the physician's assistant) ADVANCE  
12 PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE.'

13 The name of the prescribing supervising physician shall be handwritten in the appropriate  
14 space by the physician's assistant on the prescription drug or device order form. Any  
15 form containing less information than that described in this paragraph shall not be offered  
16 to or accepted by any pharmacist who is duly licensed under Title 26.'

17 **SECTION 9."**