

1 Senators Thomas of the 10th, Balfour of the 9th, Butler of the 55th, Stokes of the 43rd,
2 Squires of the 5th and Tate of the 38th offered the following amendment:

3 Amend the Senate Health and Human Services Committee substitute to SB 458 by adding
4 after "status;" on line 7 of page 1 the following:

5 "to change certain provisions relating to delegation of authority to nurse or physician's
6 assistant;"

7 By adding between lines 6 and 7 of page 4 the following:

8 "Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 43-34-26.1, relating to delegation of
9 authority to nurse or physician's assistant, by striking paragraph (8) of subsection (a),
10 paragraph (1) of subsection (b), and subsection (g), and inserting in lieu thereof, respectively:

11 '(8) 'Order' means to select a drug, device, medical treatment, or diagnostic study through
12 physician delegation in accordance with a nurse protocol or a physician's assistant's job
13 description. An advanced practice registered nurse may select and transmit a verbal,
14 written, or electronic order for a drug, device, medical treatment, or diagnostic study
15 pursuant to the authority delegated by a physician and set forth in a nurse protocol
16 agreement. The written and electronic order form shall provide that the drug or device
17 order is executed by the named advanced practice registered nurse pursuant to a nurse
18 protocol agreement. Ordering under such delegation shall not be construed to be
19 independent prescribing, which act can only be performed by the physician, nor shall
20 ordering of a drug be construed to authorize the issuance of a written prescription, except
21 as provided in this Code section.'

22 '(b)(1) A physician may delegate to:

23 (A) A physician's assistant in accordance with a job description; or

24 (B) A nurse recognized by the Georgia Board of Nursing as ~~a certified nurse midwife,~~
25 ~~certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse~~
26 ~~specialist, psychiatric/mental health~~ an advanced practice registered nurse in
27 accordance with a nurse protocol

28 the authority to order controlled substances ~~selected from a~~ subject to an exclusionary
29 formulary of such drugs established by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners
30 and the authority to order dangerous drugs, devices, medical treatments, and diagnostic
31 studies.'

32 '~~(g) Nothing in this Code section shall be construed to authorize or permit the issuance of~~
33 ~~a Drug Enforcement Administration license to a nurse or physician's assistant~~ An advanced

1 practice registered nurse is authorized to register with the federal Drug Enforcement
2 Administration and appropriate state authorities."

3 By renumbering Sections 4 and 5 as Sections 5 and 6, respectively.