

Representatives Buckner of the 130th et al. move to amend the Cooper Floor substitute to SB 174 (LC 28 2511S) by inserting after "notices;" on line 8 of page 1 the following:

"to amend Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, so as to provide for prescriptive authority of advanced practice registered nurses;" .

By inserting between lines 25 and 26 of page 4 the following:

"SECTION 2.

Article 2 of Chapter 34 of Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to physicians, is amended by inserting a new Code section, to be designated Code Section 43-34-48, to read as follows:

'43-34-48.

(a) Notwithstanding any provisions of law to the contrary, an advanced practice registered nurse who is a party to a nurse protocol agreement with a physician as set out in Code Section 43-34-26.1 may, in addition to the authority set out in Code Section 43-34-26.1, be further authorized in a nurse protocol agreement to:

(1) Execute a verbal, written, or electronic order for a drug, device, medical treatment, or diagnostic study. Such an order shall include, without limitation, the name, address, and telephone number of the advanced practice registered nurse and the physician who are parties to the nurse protocol agreement, the patient's name and address, the drug or device ordered, directions with regard to the taking and dosage of the drug or use of the device, and the number of refills;

(2) Order controlled substances subject to an exclusionary formulary of such drugs established by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners and order dangerous drugs, devices, medical treatments, and diagnostic studies; and

(3) Request, receive, and sign for professional samples and may distribute professional samples to patients. In addition to the requirements of this Code section, all professional samples shall be maintained as required by applicable state and federal law and regulations. As used in this subsection, the term "professional samples" means complimentary doses of a drug or medical devices provided by the manufacturer for use in patient care.

(b) An advanced practice registered nurse who is a party to a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section shall be deemed to be a "practitioner" as this term is defined in Code Section 16-13-21(23)(A) and shall be authorized to register with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration and appropriate state authorities.

(c) Nothing in this Code Section shall be construed to create a presumption of liability, either civil or criminal, on the part of a pharmacist duly licensed under Chapter 4 of Title 26 who, in good faith, fills a prescription drug order of an advanced practice registered nurse pursuant to a nurse protocol agreement.".

By redesignating Sections 2 and 3 as Sections 3 and 4, respectively.

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