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1 Senators Tolleson of the 20th, Adelman of the 42nd, Unterman of the 45th and Brown of the
2 26th offered the following amendment:

3 *Amend the Senate Health and Human Services Committee substitute (LC 33 1434S) to SB*
4 *603 by striking line 10 of page 5 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

5 (6) 'Diagnostic study' means a laboratory test, X-ray, ultrasound, or other procedure used
6 to identify a characteristic or distinguishing feature of a particular disease or condition.

7 *By striking lines 16 through 31 of page 6 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

8 (2) A physician who is a party to a nurse protocol agreement shall review on a regular
9 basis the medical acts delegated to an advanced practice registered nurse in a nurse
10 protocol agreement. An advanced practice registered nurse who is party to a nurse
11 protocol agreement shall be responsible for the nursing acts performed under such an
12 agreement and a delegating physician shall be responsible for the medical acts performed
13 under such an agreement.

14 (3) A patient who receives a prescription drug order from an advanced practice registered
15 nurse pursuant to a nurse protocol agreement shall be reviewed, evaluated, or examined
16 by a physician at intervals for such review, evaluation, or examination as determined by
17 the delegating physician.

18 *By striking lines 24 through 25 of page 7 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

19 (8) Be available for review upon written request to the advanced practice registered nurse
20 by the Georgia Board of Nursing or to the delegating physician by the board.

21 *By striking lines 14 through 29 of page 8 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

22 (g) A delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this
23 Code section with more than four advanced practice registered nurses at any one time as
24 calculated on a full-time equivalency basis, except this limitation shall not apply to an
25 advanced practice registered nurse who is practicing:

- 26 (1) In a hospital licensed under Title 31;
27 (2) In any college or university as defined in Code Section 20-8-1;
28 (3) In the Department of Human Resources;
29 (4) In any county board of health;
30 (5) In any free health clinic;
31 (6) In a birthing center;

- 1 (7) In any entity which:
- 2 (A) Is exempt from federal taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
- 3 Code, as defined in Code Section 48-1-2; or
- 4 (B) Has been established under the authority of or is receiving funds pursuant to 42
- 5 U.S.C. Section 254b or 254c of the United States Public Health Service Act;
- 6 (8) In a school nurse program of any local board of education; or
- 7 (9) In a health maintenance organization that has an exclusive contract with a medical
- 8 group practice or arrange for the provision of substantially all physician services to
- 9 enrollees in health benefits of the health maintenance organization.

10 *By striking lines 8 through 13 of page 9 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

- 11 (l) Except for practice settings identified in paragraphs (1) through (9) of subsection (g)
- 12 of this Code section, it shall be unlawful for a physician to be an employee of an
- 13 advanced practice registered nurse, alone or in combination with others, if the physician
- 14 is required to supervise the medical acts of the employing advanced practice registered
- 15 nurse. Such practice shall be subject to sanctions by the Georgia Board of Nursing as to
- 16 the advanced practice registered nurse and the board as to the physician.