

Senate Bill 386

By: Senators Grant of the 25th and Unterman of the 45th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to revise
3 provisions relating to the delegation of authority to order radiographic imaging tests; to
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of
8 certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, is amended by revising
9 paragraphs (9), (10), and (11) of subsection (a) and subsection (b) as follows:

10 "~~(9) 'Life threatening' means an emergency situation in which a patient's life or physical~~
11 ~~well-being will be harmed if certain testing is not performed immediately~~ Reserved.

12 (10) 'Nurse protocol agreement' means a written document mutually agreed upon and
13 signed by an advanced practice registered nurse and a physician, by which document the
14 physician delegates to that advanced practice registered nurse the authority to perform
15 certain medical acts pursuant to this Code section, and which acts may include, without
16 being limited to, the ordering of drugs, medical devices, medical treatments, diagnostic
17 studies, or ~~in life-threatening situations~~ radiographic imaging tests. Such agreements
18 shall conform to the provisions set forth in subsection (c) of this Code section.

19 (11) 'Order' means to prescribe pursuant to a nurse protocol agreement which drug,
20 medical device, medical treatment, diagnostic study, or ~~in life-threatening situations~~
21 radiographic imaging test is appropriate for a patient and to communicate the same in
22 writing, orally, via facsimile, or electronically."

23 "(b) In addition to and without limiting the authority granted pursuant to Code Section
24 43-34-23, a physician may delegate to an advanced practice registered nurse in accordance
25 with a nurse protocol agreement the authority to order drugs, medical devices, medical
26 treatments, diagnostic studies, or, ~~in life-threatening situations,~~ radiographic imaging tests."

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SECTION 2.

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.