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Senators Millar of the 40th, Carter of the 1st and Unterman of the 45th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Health and Human Services Committee substitute to HB 315 (LC 33*
 2 *5169S) by inserting after "liability;" on line 6 the following:*
 3 to amend Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
 4 delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to revise
 5 provisions relating to the delegation of authority to order radiographic imaging tests;

6 *By inserting between lines 188 and 189 the following:*

SECTION 4.1.

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

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

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

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

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