Senate Bill 114
By: Senators Hufstetler of the 52nd and Kirk of the 13th

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, so as to revise provisions relating to the number of advanced practice registered nurses a delegating physician can enter into a protocol agreement with at any one time; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 43-34-25 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to delegation of certain medical acts to advanced practice registered nurses, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

“(g) A delegating physician may not enter into a nurse protocol agreement pursuant to this Code section with more than four advanced practice registered nurses at any one time, except this limitation shall not apply to an advanced practice registered nurse who is practicing:

(1) In a hospital licensed under Title 31;
(2) In any college or university as defined in Code Section 20-8-1;
(3) In the Department of Public Health;
(4) In any county board of health;
(4.1) In any community service board;
(5) In any free health clinic;
(6) In a birthing center;
(7) In any entity:
(A) Which is exempt from federal taxes pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as defined in Code Section 48-1-2, and primarily serves uninsured or indigent Medicaid and medicare patients; or
(B) Which has been established under the authority of or is receiving funds pursuant to 42 U.S.C. Section 254b or 254c of the United States Public Health Service Act;
In any local board of education which has a school nurse program; or

(9) In a health maintenance organization that has an exclusive contract with a medical group practice and arranges for the provision of substantially all physician services to enrollees in health benefits of the health maintenance organization."

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.