

Senate Bill 94

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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 style="text-align:center">**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.