

## Session 125 - (2023-2024)

**H 4272 General Bill, By M.M. Smith, Brewer and Collins**

***Similar (S 0517, S 0553)***

**Summary:** Scope of Practice

A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF MEDICAL ACTS FOR A LICENSED APRN, TO PROVIDE A MEANS FOR A CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIFE TO OBTAIN AN APRN LICENSE, TO DEFINE FULL PRACTICE AUTHORITY, TO DEFINE GRADUATE REGISTERED NURSE-MIDWIFE, AND TO PROVIDE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF MEDICAL ACTS, QUALIFICATIONS, PRACTICE AGREEMENTS, PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORIZATIONS, ANESTHESIA CARE, AND DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR SCOPE OF PRACTICE TO INCLUDE PRESCRIBING MEDICATIONS AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONFORMING DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-42, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF TASKS TO UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS AS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A LICENSED NURSE AS PRESCRIBED BY THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-33-110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE OF LICENSEES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-10, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP OF THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS, SO AS TO ADD TWO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO THE BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR APPOINTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PHYSICIANS AND RELATED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A DIFFERENT DEFINITION FOR APPROVED WRITTEN SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, TO ADD PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO THE DEFINITION OF "MEDICAL STAFF", AND TO INCLUDE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN THE DEFINITION OF "PRACTICE OF MEDICINE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-37, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF AN APRN TO INCLUDE TELEMEDICINE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-110, RELATING TO MISCONDUCT CONSTITUTING GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION, TEMPORARY SUSPENSIONS, REVIEW OF FINAL ACTIONS, CONDUCT SUBVERTING SECURITY OR INTEGRITY OF MEDICAL LICENSING EXAMINATION PROCESSES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-113, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP AS A PREREQUISITE TO PRESCRIBING DRUGS, SO AS TO EXPAND THE PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP TO INCLUDE OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS AND TO CHANGE THE TERMINOLOGY TO "PRACTITIONER-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF TASKS AMONG CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-195, RELATING TO SUPERVISING PHYSICIANS AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-910, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PRACTICE ACT", SO AS TO DEFINE "ATTESTATION STATEMENT" AND TO REVISE DEFINITIONS FOR "NCCPA", "SUPERVISING", AND "PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-915, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS FROM THE SCOPE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PRACTICE ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-935, RELATING TO ACTS AND DUTIES PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ARE AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM, SO AS TO REVISE THE ACTS AND DUTIES THAT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS MAY PERFORM; BY ADDING SECTION 40-47-937 SO AS TO PROVIDE A DIFFERENT SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR CERTAIN EXPERIENCED PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND TO PROVIDE FOR PROTECTIONS FROM LIABILITY FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN CERTAIN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-965, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR WRITING PRESCRIPTIONS FOR DRUGS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, AND MEDICAL DEVICES, SO AS TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY PRESCRIBE DRUGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1000, RELATING TO UNLICENSED PERSONS HOLDING THEMSELVES OUT AS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1005, RELATING TO MISCONDUCT MANDATING REVOCATION OR DENIAL OF LICENSE FOR A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOARD MAY DISCIPLINE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS FOR MISCONDUCT, REVISE WHAT CONSTITUTES MISCONDUCT, AND REVISE THE ACTIONS THAT MAY BE TAKEN BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-1020, RELATING TO THIRD-PARTY REIMBURSEMENT TO PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS MAY BE REIMBURSED BY THIRD-PARTY PAYORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-80-120, RELATING TO PERMISSION FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO CREATE, EXECUTE, AND SIGN POST FORMS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, SO AS TO REVISE THE CIRCUMSTANCES

UNDER WHICH A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT MAY CREATE, EXECUTE, AND SIGN A POST FORM; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-99-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE "INSECT STING EMERGENCY TREATMENT ACT", SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-75, RELATING TO CONCUSSION PROTOCOL FOR STUDENT ATHLETES, SO AS TO EXPAND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS' ROLES IN REGARD TO THE CONCUSSION PROTOCOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-95, RELATING TO EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT" AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

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