

## Session 121 - (2015-2016)

### **S 0246 General Bill, By Davis and Bryant**

#### **Summary:** Nurse Practice Act

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-20(23) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR THE NURSE PRACTICE ACT, TO REMOVE "FORMULATING A MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND INITIATING, CONTINUING, AND MODIFYING THERAPIES, INCLUDING PRESCRIBING DRUG THERAPY" FROM THE DEFINITION; TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-34(C), RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONERS, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED PHYSICIAN OR DENTIST TO PERFORM MEDICAL DIAGNOSIS AND INITIATE, CONTINUE, OR MODIFY THERAPIES, INCLUDING PRESCRIBING DRUG THERAPY, IS NO LONGER REQUIRED, AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONER MUST PERFORM DELEGATED MEDICAL ACTS WITHIN FORTY-FIVE MILES OF A SUPERVISING PHYSICIAN; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-34(F), TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSED NURSE PRACTITIONER IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM PRESCRIBING SCHEDULE II CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.

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