

1 S.236

2 Introduced by Senator Kittell

3 Referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

4 Date: January 3, 2012

5 Subject: Health; physicians; advanced practice registered nurses; nurse  
6 practitioners; signatures

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow the signature of an advanced  
8 practice registered nurse (APRN) certified as a nurse practitioner to be used  
9 whenever the signature of a physician is required.

10 An act relating to health care practitioner signature authority

11 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

12 ~~Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1616 is added to read:~~

13 ~~§ 1616. NURSE PRACTITIONER SIGNATURE AUTHORITY~~

14 ~~Whenever any provision of Vermont statute or rule requires a signature,~~  
15 ~~certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or other endorsement by a~~  
16 ~~physician, it shall be deemed to include a signature, certification, stamp,~~  
17 ~~verification, affidavit, or other endorsement by an advanced practice registered~~  
18 ~~nurse (APRN) licensed pursuant to this chapter and certified as a nurse~~  
19 ~~practitioner; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed~~  
20 ~~to expand the scope of practice of APRNs.~~

1 ~~Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE~~

2 ~~This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.~~

*Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1616 is added to read:*

*§ 1616. NURSE PRACTITIONER AND NURSE MIDWIFE SIGNATURE  
AUTHORITY*

*Whenever any provision of Vermont statute or rule or any form provided to any person in this state requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or other endorsement by a physician, such statute, rule, or form shall be deemed to include a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or other endorsement by an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licensed pursuant to this chapter and certified as a nurse practitioner or a nurse midwife; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of APRNs.*

*Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE*

*This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.*