

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.~~

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§ 1616. NURSE PRACTITIONER 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; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of APRNs.

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