



VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF  
HOSPITALS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

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Senate Committee on Health and Welfare  
State of Vermont  
115 State Street  
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

*Sent via email to: fbrown@leg.state.vt.us*

**RE: Comments on H.684, Sec. 15, Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

Dear Chairwoman Ayer and Committee Members:

Thank you for providing the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (VAHHS) the opportunity to comment on H.684, Sec. 15, requirements for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs).

VAHHS represents all of Vermont's not-for-profit hospitals and the VA hospital. One of our principles for the 2018 legislative session includes access to quality care. With this in mind, VAHHS asked its hospital members whether the Office of Professional Regulation's current regulatory requirements, including the collaborative agreement, create barriers to hiring APRNs. Our members reported that the current standards do not create access issues or barriers to hiring APRNs.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you would like additional information.

Sincerely,

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations  
Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems