

## H.588 OPR Bill Revision

### New Revision

Title 26 Professions and Occupations

Chapter 28 Nursing

Subchapter 2 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses

### 26 V.S.A. § 1614 APRN Renewal

An APRN license renewal application shall include:

- ~~(1) documentation of completion of the APRN practice requirement;~~
- (2) possession of a current certification by a national APRN specialty certifying organization; and
- (3) a current collaborative provider agreement if required for transition to practice.

Reason for the revision:

Reliance on practice hours as a proxy for continued competency is not the current practice of 65% of all other US jurisdictions. National APRN Board certification for a licensee, which is required for renewal, requires completion of a significant number of continuing education hours as the means for assuring continuing competency. The use of continuing education hours in lieu of practice hours as a pathway for license renewal is consistent with current RN and LPN renewal requirements. The Vermont Board of Nursing supports this change.