

HB285: Clinical Nurse Specialist: Practice Agreements

What the bill does:

The purpose of HB 285 is to correct an error in drafting HB 1747 (2021 session) and to codify the legislative fix included in HB 7001, the budget bill enacted in summer 2021. The budget bill (Item 479.20. H:1.1 and 2) authorized nurse practitioners in the category of clinical nurse specialists to practice in consultation with a licensed physician in accordance with a practice agreement EXCEPT clinical nurse specialists registered with the Board of Nursing prior to July 1, 2021, who may practice without a practice agreement if that clinical nurse specialist practices without prescriptive authority. This provision in HB 7001 expires after June 30, 2022.

HB 285 also amends 54.1-2957 and 54.1-2957.01 to authorize all Clinical Nurse Specialists without prescriptive authority to practice without a written or electronic practice agreement with a physician. HB 285 will require clinical nurse specialists with prescriptive authority to practice in consultation with a licensed physician with a practice agreement.

Please vote for HB 285 to permit clinical nurse specialists to practice within the full scope of their expertise.