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PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR APRN EXPANSION OF PRACTICE

SUMMARY

Purpose: Enlarge the scope of practice of CNSs and CRNAs to reflect education and training. Clarify practice of NPs and CNMs.

Background: Four different Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) roles are recognized nationally and in Arizona: Nurse Practitioners (NP), Certified Nurse-Midwives (CNM), Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA). A number of national organizations, including the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, have recommended that the expansion of practice of APRNs could address issues of healthcare access and economics and could safely provide additional services to the public.

Provisions:

***Provide for certification for prescribing authority for those CNSs and CRNAs who meet the requirements of rules adopted in consultation with the Board of Pharmacy and the MD and DO Boards. Prescribing authority would be limited by the scope and focus of care of the APRN.**

***Repeal scope of practice requirements for CRNAs found in 32-1634.04 (direction and presence requirements for the administration of anesthetics) and incorporate with scope of practice provisions for APRNs.**

***Address ambiguity of the use of the term “collaboration” in A.R.S. section 32-1606 B. 12 by repealing existing language and replacing with Nursing Board authority to adopt rules consistent with scope established by statute (and subject to the limitations of Title 36, Chapter 20, Article 1).**

***Make technical conforming changes in statutes related to education regulation, licensing and fees**