

HCS SCS SB 724 -- PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE
REGISTERED NURSES

SPONSOR: Scott (Jones, 117)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Special Committee on
Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 9 to 2.

This substitute authorizes advanced practice registered nurses who hold a certificate of controlled substance prescriptive authority from the State Board of Nursing to enter into collaborative agreements with physicians to administer and dispense Schedule III, IV, and V control substances. However, they are prohibited, under any circumstance, from prescribing a controlled substance for themselves or any family member.

Guidelines are established for controlled substance collaborative agreements and the documentation required for the state board to grant a certificate for prescriptive authority.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Income on General Revenue Fund of \$112,600 in FY 2009, \$47,925 in FY 2010, and \$47,925 in FY 2011. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will provide better access to health care. Currently, 47 other states allow for some type of prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses. By allowing this in Missouri, practitioners will be able to provide better quality care. It is much harder to recruit advanced practice registered nurses because they can go to other states and have a less restrictive practice.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Scott; Missouri Nurses Association; Lori Beecham; Lyla Pennington; and Missouri Hospital Association.

OPPONENTS: Those who oppose the bill say that Missouri leads the nation in dental sedation deaths and there is a high mortality rate nationwide with surgical procedures in non-hospital settings. Controlled substances are dangerous; and there is a need for medical exams of these patients, not nursing exams. Patient safety is key; and to ensure this, prescriptions should be written by physicians.

Testifying against the bill were Missouri Society of Anesthesiologists; Missouri State Medical Association; Missouri Association of Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons; and Missouri Academy of Family Physicians.

OTHERS: Others testifying on the bill say that certified

registered nurse anesthetists should not be included in the bill because they do not enter into these collaborative agreements with physicians.

Testifying on the bill was Missouri Association of Nurse Anesthetists.