

HB 1224 -- ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

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This bill removes the current requirement that Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) who have entered into collaborative practice agreements complete a one month period in which the APRN must practice with the collaborating physician continuously present. This bill still requires some period of practice with the physician continuously present, but does not specify the length of time required for that period.

Currently, APRNs providing nursing services under a collaborative practice arrangement can only practice within 75 miles of the collaborating physician, unless the collaborating physician and APRN utilize telehealth and the services are provided in a rural area of need. This bill removed the rural area of need limitation so that any APRN can practice outside of the 75 mile geographic proximity requirements if he or she utilizes telehealth.