

By: Senator(s) Burton

To: Public Health and Welfare

SENATE BILL NO. 2040

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-25-35, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO PROVIDE THAT CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS WITH OVER 3,600
3 HOURS OF CLINICAL PRACTICE SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A WRITTEN
4 COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT WITH A PHYSICIAN OR BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT
5 PATIENT CHARTS TO A PHYSICIAN FOR REVIEW; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

8 **SECTION 1.** Section 73-25-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
9 amended as follows:

10 73-25-35. (1) Registered nurses who are licensed and
11 certified by the Mississippi Board of Nursing as nurse
12 practitioners are not prohibited from such nursing practice, but
13 are entitled to engage therein without a physician's license.

14 (2) In the event that (a) an existing written practice
15 agreement with a collaborating physician terminates as a result
16 of: the collaborating physician moving, retiring, no longer
17 needing the services of the nurse practitioner, no longer being
18 qualified to practice, or another cause due to no fault on the
19 part of the nurse practitioner; and (b) the nurse practitioner
20 demonstrates that he has made a good faith effort to enter into a



21 new written practice agreement with a collaborating physician and
22 has been unable to do so, upon approval of the Mississippi Board
23 of Nursing, such certified nurse practitioner may continue to
24 practice in collaboration with an advanced practice registered
25 nurse or nurse practitioner who has been certified and practicing
26 for more than three thousand six hundred (3,600) hours, and such
27 certified nurse practitioner shall not be required to submit
28 patient charts to a physician for review.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2019.

