

HB 625 -- COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS (Burlison)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing

This bill changes the laws regarding collaborative practice arrangements between physicians and registered professional nurses. The bill allows the arrangement to include a waiver of the geographic proximity requirement for up to 28 days per year for rural health clinics as long as the arrangement provides coverage during absence, incapacity, infirmity, or emergency by the collaborating physician. The bill only applies to independent rural health clinics and provider-based rural health clinics where the main location of the hospital sponsor is more than 50 miles from the clinic. The collaborating physician must maintain documentation relating to the geographic proximity requirement and must furnish it upon request of the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts in the Division of Registration within the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration.