

HB 1465 -- COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

SPONSOR: Burlison

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing by a vote of 16 to 1. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on General Laws by a vote of 9 to 0.

This bill changes the laws regarding collaborative practice arrangements between advanced practice registered nurses and physicians and collaborative practice arrangements between assistant physicians and physicians.

Currently, an advanced practice nurse or assistant physician must have the collaborating physician review a minimum of 10% of his or her charts every 14 days. This bill states that the collaborating physician does not need to be present at the health care practitioner's site.

The bill waives the one month requirement of practicing with the collaborating physician when the collaborative physician is new to a patient population that the collaborating advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or assistant physician is already familiar.

This bill is similar to HB 633 (2015).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill will better allow for continuation of care. Many patients, especially in rural areas, treat primarily with an advanced practice nurse. The current system prevents a nurse from seeing patients for one month after he or she enters into a new collaborative practice arrangement. That nurses' patients would have to find an alternate healthcare provider or forgo treatment during that time period. This bill allows patients to continue treating with their nurse, without delay, so long as the nurse is in a collaborative practice agreement. Supporters also say that a face to face chart review by a physician in the collaborative practice arrangement is unnecessary.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Burlison; Missouri Nurses Association; Missouri Hospital Association; SSM Health Care; and AARP Missouri.

OPPOSERS: Those who oppose the bill say that the 30 day waiting period is necessary so that the nurse and doctor can get to know one another. Team work is an essential part of the collaborative practice.

Testifying against the bill were Missouri State Medical Association; Brad Bates; Missouri Academy Of Family Physicians; and Missouri Society Of Anesthesiologist & Missouri Dermatological Society.