

1 H.591

2 Introduced by Representative Stevens of Waterbury

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; professions and occupations; hospitals; advanced practice
6 registered nurses

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require hospitals to grant hospital
8 staff privileges to advanced practice registered nurses.

9 An act relating to APRN hospital staff privileges

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 18 V.S.A. § 1905 is amended to read:

12 § 1905. LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

13 Upon receipt of an application for license and the license fee, the licensing
14 agency shall issue a license when it determines that the applicant and hospital
15 facilities meet the following minimum standards:

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17 (5) All patients admitted to the hospital shall be under the care of a ~~state~~
18 ~~registered and licensed practicing physician as defined by the laws of the state~~
19 ~~of Vermont~~ or advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licensed pursuant to
20 26 V.S.A. chapter 23 or 28. A hospital shall grant APRNs licensed pursuant to

1 26 V.S.A. chapter 28, subchapter 3 all hospital staff privileges that the hospital
2 affords to physicians licensed pursuant to 26 V.S.A. chapter 23, including
3 hospital staff privileges to admit, treat, and discharge any patient for whom an
4 APRN is qualified to provide care. No provision of Vermont law or rule or
5 hospital bylaw or practice shall prohibit a qualified APRN from being
6 accorded clinical privileges or from being appointed to all categories of
7 hospital staff membership for which APRNs may provide services within their
8 authorized scope of practice.

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10 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

11 This act shall take effect on January 1, 2013.