

1 S.236

2 Introduced by Senator Kittell

3 Referred to Committee on

4 Date:

5 Subject: Health; physicians; advanced practice registered nurses; nurse  
6 practitioners; signatures

7 Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to allow the signature of an advanced  
8 practice registered nurse (APRN) certified as a nurse practitioner to be used  
9 whenever the signature of a physician is required.

10 An act relating to health care practitioner signature authority

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

12 Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1616 is added to read:

13 § 1616. NURSE PRACTITIONER SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

14 Whenever any provision of Vermont statute or rule requires a signature,  
15 certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or other endorsement by a  
16 physician, it shall be deemed to include a signature, certification, stamp,  
17 verification, affidavit, or other endorsement by an advanced practice registered  
18 nurse (APRN) licensed pursuant to this chapter and certified as a nurse  
19 practitioner; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed  
20 to expand the scope of practice of APRNs.

1       Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

2       This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.