

SB 453 - AS INTRODUCED

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SENATE BILL        **453**

AN ACT                authorizing advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates to make certain certifications.

SPONSORS:        Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Rosenwald, Dist 13; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Avard, Dist 12; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Lang, Dist 2; Sen. Gannon, Dist 23; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17; Sen. Ward, Dist 8; Sen. Sullivan, Dist 18; Sen. McGough, Dist 11; Sen. Murphy, Dist 16; Sen. Innis, Dist 7; Sen. Rochefort, Dist 1; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10

COMMITTEE:        Health and Human Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill adds advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates as medical professionals who can:

I. Document a lasting medical necessity, which allows for a vehicle equipment waiver for persons with disabilities to be granted for 4 years instead of 2 years; and

II. Exempt a child from certain required immunizations if they find that the immunization may be detrimental to the child's health.

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Explanation:        Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough.]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six*

AN ACT authorizing advanced practice registered nurses and physician associates to make certain certifications.

*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1 1 Equipment Waiver for Disabled. Amend RSA 266:61-a, VII to read as follows:

2 VII. The waiver granted by the commissioner or his designee shall be for a period not to  
3 exceed 2 years; except in any case where a licensed physician, ***advanced practice registered***  
4 ***nurse licensed under RSA 326-B, or physician associate licensed under RSA 329-D***  
5 documents a lasting medical necessity, in which case the waiver shall be for a period not to exceed 4  
6 years. The applicant may reapply for the waiver before such period expires.

7 2 Communicable Disease; Immunization Exemption. Amend RSA 141-C:20-c, I to read as  
8 follows:

9 I. A physician licensed under RSA 329, or a physician exempted under RSA 329:21, III, ***an***  
10 ***advanced practice registered nurse licensed under RSA 326-B, or a physician associate***  
11 ***licensed under RSA 329-D*** certifies that immunization against a particular disease may be  
12 detrimental to the child's health. The exemption shall exist only for the length of time, in the  
13 opinion of the physician, ***advanced practice registered nurse, or physician associate***, such  
14 immunization would be detrimental to the child. An exemption from immunization for one disease  
15 shall not affect other required immunizations.

16 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.