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SB 453 - FINAL VERSION

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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. Avar, 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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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

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

1 253:1 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 exceed 2  
3 years; except in any case where a licensed physician, ***advanced practice registered nurse licensed under***  
4 ***RSA 326-B, or physician associate licensed under RSA 328-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.

7 253:2 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 licensed under***  
11 ***RSA 328-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 opinion of the  
13 physician, ***advanced practice registered nurse, or physician associate***, such immunization would be  
14 detrimental to the child. An exemption from immunization for one disease shall not affect other required  
15 immunizations.

253:3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: July 02, 2026  
Effective Date: August 31, 2026