AN ACT ELIMINATING BARRIERS TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS PRACTICING IN THE STATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1. That (1) section 20-87a of the general statutes be amended to allow an advanced practice registered nurse, during the first three years after being issued a license, to practice in collaboration with an advanced practice registered nurse who has had a license for not less than three years and practiced as an advanced practice registered nurse for not less than two thousand hours, (2) the general statutes be amended to establish a system of reciprocity whereby an advanced practice registered nurse who (A) has been licensed in another state for not less than three years and practiced in such state as an advanced practice registered nurse for not less than two thousand hours, and (B) is relocating to Connecticut, may practice independently in the state without collaborating with a physician or another advanced practice registered nurse, and (3) the general statutes be amended to allow an
advanced practice registered nurse and a physician assistant to sign any
health care form that ensures fulfillment of a patient order or referral or
recognition of a patient's health status or care that is within the scope of
practice of the advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant.

**Statement of Purpose:**
To eliminate barriers to advanced practice registered nurses and
physician assistants practicing in the state.