

SB 83 - AS INTRODUCED

2023 SESSION

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SENATE BILL **83**

AN ACT relative to the signature authority of an advanced practice registered nurse or a certified midwife.

SPONSORS: Sen. Prentiss, Dist 5; Sen. Altschiller, Dist 24; Sen. Perkins Kwoka, Dist 21; Sen. Watters, Dist 4; Sen. Carson, Dist 14; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Sen. Whitley, Dist 15; Sen. Chandley, Dist 11; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9

COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

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ANALYSIS

This bill allows an advanced practice registered nurse or certified midwife, acting within the scope of their practice, to certify a document in the place of a physician.

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Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.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

AN ACT                    relative to the signature authority of an advanced practice registered nurse or a certified midwife.

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

1            1 New Section; Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; Signature Authority; Certified Midwives.

2 Amend RSA 326-B by inserting after section 46 the following new section:

3            326-B:47 Signature Authority of a Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Certified Midwife.

4 When a provision of law or rule requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or  
5 endorsement by a physician, that requirement may be fulfilled by an advanced practice registered  
6 nurse certified pursuant to this chapter, or a certified nurse midwife acting within his or her scope of  
7 practice and within the advanced practice registered nurse-patient relationship. This section shall  
8 not be construed to expand the scope of practice of an advanced practice registered nurse or a  
9 certified nurse midwife.

10           2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.