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


COMMITTEE: Health and Human Services

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.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in bold italics.
Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struck through.]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.
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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

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

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

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

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

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