

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATION

The information below is a summary of a number of scope of practice bills that the AADA is opposing, and truth-in-advertising bills supported by the AADA. If you would like to get involved, please email lalbany@aad.org.

Physician Assistants:

- 1) Tennessee SB 67 would allow physician assistants to practice independently. The committee hearing for SB 671 has been deferred.
- 2) Colorado HB 21-1184 would modify the relationship between a PA and a physician by removing the supervision requirement and replacing it with a collaboration requirement. Formal collaboration with a physician is required only for a PA with fewer than 5,760 hours of practice experience or who is beginning practice in a new specialty.
- 3) We also opposed the following bills that would expand PA scope of practice: Delaware HB 33 (passed House; in Senate Health Committee), South Dakota HB 1163 (died), and Montana HB 400 (tabled in committee)

Nurse Practitioners:

- 1) Mississippi HB 1103 would authorize all four categories of APRNs to practice independently after completing 3,600`1 transition to practice hours. Additionally, the legislation would authorize an APRN to collaborate with a nurse practitioner who has at least 3 years' experience in Mississippi and within an established protocol or practice guideline. DIED
- 2) Virginia HB 1737 reduces the number of transition to practice years from 5 to 2 before an NP can practice independently (ENACTED).

Naturopaths:

1. Washington: The AADA opposed the Board of Naturopathy's proposal authorizing naturopaths to perform nonsurgical cosmetic medical procedures, including the use of botulinum toxin and inert substances for cosmetic purposes (hearing in February).
2. North Dakota SB 2274 would have authorized naturopaths to prescribe, dispense, administer, and procure drugs and medical devices, including controlled substances. (passed Senate; in House committee)
3. Virginia HB 2044 would have licensed naturopaths (DIED).

Advanced Practice Estheticians

1. Montana HB 493 would create an advanced practice esthetician license.(Passed House; in Senate)

TIA: The AADA would like the AMA board-certification language added to the bills below.

- 1) Massachusetts HD 2524 would require advertisements for health care services to include one's license. (introduced)
- 2) Massachusetts HD 3060 would prohibit individuals who are not physicians registered by the medical board to advertise as dermatologists. (introduced)
- 3) Connecticut HB 6016 would require all health care professionals to advertise or communicate their licensure, training or qualifications to patients. (Referred to Joint Committee on Public Health)
- 4) New York A 4394 would require health care practitioners to affirmatively communicate their licensure to patients, including the use of an ID badge. (Referred to Higher Education)

- 5) Missouri HB 879 would require an advertisement for the services of a health care practitioner to include the practitioner's full name and title. (in House Committee on Professional Registration and Licensing)