

### **Legislative Update**

The report which follows includes all critical legislation currently being monitored by Board staff. The agency is following more than 760 House and Senate bills. At the time this report was prepared, 6,856 bills had been filed in the legislature. This is an increase of 5.8% percent from the previous legislative session. In the current legislative session, 16 bills include language which would amend the Nursing Practice Act (NPA). On May 8<sup>th</sup>, the 119th day of the session, any House bill not out of committee will no longer be eligible to continue forward in the legislative process. The last day of the regular legislative session is May 29<sup>th</sup>. The last day that the Governor can sign, veto or take no action on bills passed in the House and Senate is June 18<sup>th</sup>. The bills on the following pages are divided into two groups. All bills which would amend the NPA appear first. Following these bills are other bills which, if enacted, may require further action by the Board or Board staff. A full report on enacted legislation will be provided at the July, 2017 Board Meeting. This report is for information purposes. No action is required.

#### **Bills Amending Nursing Practice Act**

##### **Prescriptive Authority for Psychologists**

HB 593	By Dustin Burrows	Relating to the prescriptive authority of certain psychologists.	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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##### **Full Practice Authority for All APRNs**

HB 1415	By Stephanie Klick	Relating to the licensing and authority of advanced practice registered nurses.	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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##### **Practice Authority for APRNs who are Military Veterans**

HB 1804	By Cesar Blanco	Relating to the prescribing and ordering authority of certain advanced practice registered nurses who are military veterans.	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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##### **Electronic Submission of Reports**

HB 2305	By Ryan Guillen	Relating to the operations, communications, and notice procedures of state agencies.	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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##### **Sunset Bill for Texas Board of Nursing**

HB 2950	By Cindy Burkett	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Board of Nursing and to the regulation of the practice of nursing.	Amends Chapters 301 and 304 of the NPA.
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**Nursing Peer Review**

HB 3296	By Stephanie Klick	Relating to persons required to establish nursing peer review committees.	Amends Chapter 303 of the NPA.
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**Expedited Licensing for Nurses who are Military Spouses**

HB 3358	By Scott Cospser	Relating to expedited licensing procedures for certain nurses who are military spouses.	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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**Practice Authority for APRNs in Certain Medically Underserved Areas**

HB 3395	By Four Price	Relating to the authority of advanced practice registered nurses practicing in certain areas.	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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**Suicide Prevention CE for Health Care Practitioners**

HB 3408	By Shawn Thierry	Relating to required suicide prevention training for certain health care practitioners.	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA. One hour of CE related to suicide prevention required prior to renewal.
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**Pass Rates for Nursing Education Programs**

HB 3578	By Bobby Guerra	Relating to the acceptable examination pass rate for nursing educational programs.	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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**Nurse Licensure Compact**

HB 4116	By Stephanie Klick	Relating to an interstate compact regulating nurses.	Amends Chapter 304 of the NPA.
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**Internet Broadcast of BON Board Meetings**

SB 121	By Donald Huffines	Relating to the Internet broadcast of open meetings of the Texas Board of Nursing.	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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**Sunset Bill for Texas Board of Nursing**

SB 305	By Chuy Hinojosa	(Identical to HB 2950)	Amends Chapters 301 and 304 of the NPA.
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**Full Practice Authority for All APRNs**

SB 681	By Kelly Hancock	Identical to HB 1415)	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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**Practice Authority for APRNs who are Military Veterans**

SB 831	By Jose Rodriguez	(Identical to HB 1804)	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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**Prescriptive Authority for Psychologists**

SB 1240	By Jose Rodriguez	(Identical to HB 593)	Amends Chapter 301 of the NPA.
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**Other Legislation of Interest****APRN Practice**

HB 307	By Dustin Burrows	Relating to disclosure of certain health care costs and shared savings between certain health benefit plans and enrollees.	
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**APRNs as Primary Care Providers**

HB 1225	By John Smithee	Relating to the participation of an advanced practice registered nurse as a primary care or network provider for certain governmental and other health benefit plans.	
SB 654	By Kel Seliger	(Identical)	

**Schedule II Prescribing Authority for APRNs**

HB 1846	By Garnet Coleman	Relating to the prescribing and ordering of Schedule II controlled substances by certain advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants.	
SB 433	By Jose Rodriguez	(Identical)	

**Face to Face Meetings for Prescriptive Authority Agreements**

HB 2141	By Tom Oliverson	Relating to the frequency and location of certain meetings required by a prescriptive authority agreement.	
SB 1928	By Lois Kolkhorst	(Identical)	

**Sunset - Texas State Board of Pharmacy**

HB 2561	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Board of Pharmacy.	
SB 306	By Van Taylor	(Identical)	

**Telehealth**

HB 2697	By Four Price	Relating to telemedicine and telehealth services	
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**APRNs as Primary Care Providers**

HB 2807	Price, Four	Relating to the participation of an advanced practice nurse as a primary care provider for certain governmental and other health benefit plans	
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**APRN Practice**

HB 2859	By Garnet Coleman	Relating to prescriber and dispenser reporting and access to patient prescription information under the Texas Controlled Substances Act	
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**Conscientious Refusal**

HB 2878	By Scott Sanford	Relating to the right of conscientious refusal of a health care service	
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**Legislative Review of Rules**

HB 2926	By Kevin Roberts	Relating to legislative review and approval of state agency rules.	
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**Sunset - State Board of Veterinary Examiners**

HB 2967	By Richard Raymond	Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.	Existing Board members swept from Board in current bill language. Agency reviewed again in 2021.
SB 319	By Kirk Watson	(Identical)	

**Sunset - Dental Board**

HB 2990	By Cindy Burkett	Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Board of Dental Examiners.	Existing Board members swept from Board in current bill language.
SB 313	By Charles Schwertner	(Identical)	

**Fee Waiver for Veterans and Spouses**

HB 3034	By Cesar Blanco	Relating to a waiver of certain licensing fees for military service members, military veterans, and their spouses.	Licensing fees waived for veterans and their spouses.
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**Sunset - Texas Medical Board**

HB 3040	By Cindy Burkett	Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Medical Board.	
SB 315	By Chuy Hinojosa	(Identical)	

**APRN Practice**

HB 3208	By Larry Gonzales	Relating to powers and duties of certain prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances and the regulatory agencies that issue a license, certification, or registration to the prescriber or dispenser	Similar to SB 316.
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**APRN Prescriptive Authority Delegation**

HB 3406	By Tom Oliverson	Relating to the delegation of prescriptive authority by physicians	
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**Healthcare Literacy**

HB 3682	Arevalo, Diana	Relating to requiring the statewide health coordinating council and state health plan to examine and report on the impact of low health literacy on consumers and the health care system	
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**Medical Licensure Compact**

HB 3958	By Larry Gonzales	Relating to the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.	
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**Legislative Review of Rules**

HJR 84	By Valoree Swanson	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for legislative review or approval of state agency rules.	
HJR 94	By Kevin Roberts	(Identical)	
SJR 32	By Larry Taylor	(Identical)	

**APRN Practice**

SB 316	By Chuy Hinojosa	Relating to powers and duties of certain prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances and the regulatory agencies that issue a license, certification, or registration to the prescriber or dispenser.	Requires regulatory agencies overseeing prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances to query the PMP to evaluate practitioner prescribing and dispensing patterns.
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**APRN Practice**

SB 431	By Jose Rodriguez	Relating to the authority of an advanced practice registered nurse to sign or issue certain documents.	
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**APRN Managed Care**

SB 654	By Kel Seliger	Relating to the participation of an advanced practice registered nurse as a primary care or network provider for certain governmental and other health benefit plans.	
HB 1225	By John Smithee	(Identical)	

**Attorney General Supervision of Occupational Licensing**

SB 844	By Donald Huffines	Relating to the active supervision of occupational licensing authorities by the attorney general.	
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**APRN Practice**

SB 919	By Jose Rodriguez	Relating to the authority of an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant to sign a death certificate or out-of-hospital do-not-resuscitate order.	
HB 3857	By Garnet Coleman	(Identical)	

**Telehealth**

SB 1107	By Charles Schwertner	Relating to telemedicine and telehealth services.	
HB 2697	By Four Price	(Identical)	

**APRN Practice**

SB 1412	By Charles Schwertner	Relating to the powers and duties of certain prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances and to the regulatory agencies that issue a license, certification, or registration to the prescribers or dispensers	
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**Agency investigations**

SB 1603	By Craig Estes	Relating to state agency investigations.	
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**Dangerous Drugs**

SB 1818	Burton, Konni(R)	Relating to the dispensing of certain drugs by physicians	
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**Suicide Prevention for Veterans**

SB 1862	By Eddie Lucio	Relating to the development of initiatives to reduce veteran suicides in this state.	Suicide prevention continuing education required for mental health professionals working with veterans.
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**BSN from Community Colleges**

SB 2118	By Kel Seliger	Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer baccalaureate degree programs.	More than 30 bills filed relating to awarding of Baccalaureate degrees by Community Colleges.
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