

Support

HB276: HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS – PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY.

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The National Association of Clinical Nurse Specialists (NACNS) supports *Delegate Cullison’s House Bill 276: HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS – PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY.*

Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNSs) are advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who practice at an advanced level of nursing. This practice is enhanced through well-grounded knowledge and understanding of advanced pharmacologic principles (NACNS, 2021). NACNS (2019) supports autonomous prescribing of “medications, therapeutics, diagnostic studies, equipment, and procedures to manage the health issues of patients.” (pg. 26).

“The CNS provides advanced direct and indirect care to complex and vulnerable populations in a variety of health care settings” (NACNS, 2021). CNSs need prescriptive authority in order to provide comprehensive and safe patient care. NACNS endorses prescribing and ordering privileges be granted by State Boards of Nursing and/or health care systems for CNS practice (NACNS, 2021).

As the national organization for Clinical Nurse Specialists, we ask the Committee for a favorable vote on HB 276.

Sincerely,



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<https://nacns.org/advocacy-policy/position-statements/national-association-of-clinical-nurse-specialists-position-statement-on-prescriptive-privilege-for-the-clinical-nurse-specialist/>