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## DIGEST

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HB 416 Original

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Barrow

**Abstract:** Provides an exemption to the collaborative practice agreement requirement for certain advanced practice registered nurses.

Present law requires advanced practice registered nurses (certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, and nurse practitioners) to enter into a collaborative practice agreement with one or more physicians or dentists for certain functions of their practice.

Proposed law retains present law but establishes an exemption for a nurse practitioner who meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Is in good standing with the La. State Board of Nursing.
- (2) Is certified by a national accrediting agency which is recognized by the La. State Board of Nursing.
- (3) Possesses at minimum a master's degree and has successfully completed academic coursework in physical assessment, advanced pharmacology, and advanced pathophysiology.
- (4) Commonly practices in a medically underserved area or an area comprising at least one medically underserved population as designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services or the La. Department of Health and Hospitals.

Proposed law provides that the La. State Board of Nursing (board) shall have the exclusive and final authority to determine if the qualifications for the exemption provided for in proposed law have been satisfied. Proposed law further requires the board to issue a certificate to a nurse practitioner deemed to be qualified for the exemption and provides that such certificate shall be admissible as evidence in all state courts as verification of the exemption.

Proposed law authorizes the board to revoke the exemption if the board determines that the qualifications are no longer satisfied.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 37:913(3)(a)(vii) and (ix), (8), and (9)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 37:1018)

