

No. 122. An act relating to health care practitioner signature authority.

(S.236)

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 26 V.S.A. § 1616 is added to read:

§ 1616. NURSE PRACTITIONER AND NURSE MIDWIFE SIGNATURE
AUTHORITY

Whenever any provision of Vermont statute or rule or any form provided to any person in this state requires a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or other endorsement by a physician, such statute, rule, or form shall be deemed to include a signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or other endorsement by an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licensed pursuant to this chapter and certified as a nurse practitioner or a nurse midwife; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to expand the scope of practice of APRNs.

Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This act shall take effect on July 1, 2012.

Approved: May 9, 2012