State Legislative Activity: Scope of Practice

Below is a summary of radiology-related measures categorized by state as of March 17, 2002

Arizona

SB 1367 seeks to change the practice agreement between a physician assistant (PA) and physician to a collaborative agreement.

*Status*: Passed the Health and Human Services Committee

Colorado

House Bill (HB) 22-1095 seeks to permit PAs who have completed 3,000 or more practice hours to practice without physician supervision.

*ACR/Chapter activity*: The Colorado Radiological Society opposes the bill.

*Status*: Failed 3rd reading in the House and legislation is done for this session

Hawaii

HB 1575 would expand the definition of a patient’s provider to include PAs.

*ACR/Chapter activity*: The Hawaii Radiological Society is monitoring the bill.

*Status*: Passed the Committee on Health

SB 2680 would permit APRNs to order and perform therapeutic measures.

*ACR/Chapter activity*: The Hawaii Radiological Society is monitoring the bill.

*Status*: Passed Senate chamber

SB 2445 would expand the definition of a patient’s provider to include PAs.

*Status*: Passed by the Senate Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee

Illinois

SB 3196 would allow advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) licensed under the Nurse Practice Act and that practice in a hospital, hospital affiliate or an ambulatory surgical center to administer radiation through a fluoroscope without supervision, prescription or direction of a licensed person.

*ACR/Chapter activity*: The Illinois Radiological Society opposes the bill.

*Status*: Introduced and assigned to the Committee on Assignments

Indiana

SB 250 would require APRNs who collaborate with licensed practitioners to operate within a 75-mile radius of the licensed practitioner's primary practice location or residence. Additionally, the APRN and the APRN's collaborating practitioner must meet quarterly.

*Status*: Referred to the Committee on Health and Provider Services
SB 239 calls for disciplinary action against a professional if their advertising includes deceptive or misleading information or does not prominently state their profession or license.

**ACR/Chapter activity:** The Illinois Radiological Society supports this bill.

**Status:** Signed by the President of the Senate and awaiting the governor’s signature

**Mississippi**

HB 440 would exempt APRNs from a collaborating practice agreement once the APRN has completed 3,600 practice hours.

**Status:** Failed in House Public Health and Human Services Committee

**Missouri**

HB 2683 seeks to permit an assistant physician to become eligible as a licensed physician if the assistant physician completes:

- Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Examination,
- 60 months of cumulative collaborative practice, and
- 100 hours of continuing medical education every two years.

**ACR/Chapter activity:** The Missouri Radiological Society is monitoring the bill.

**Status:** Second reading on the House floor

SB 938 seeks to permit an assistant physician to enter into a collaborative practice agreement with a physician if the assistant physician completes medical school and step two of the United States Medical Licensing Examination.

**ACR/Chapter activity:** The Missouri Radiological Society is monitoring the bill.

**Status:** Will be heard before the Senate Committee on Professional Registration.

SB 991 would prohibit anyone from providing the services of a radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, radiation therapist or limited x-ray machine operator unless they are certified by the Department of Health and Senior Services.

**ACR/Chapter activity:** The Missouri Radiological Society is monitoring the bill.

**Status:** Referred to the Senate Committee on Professional Registration

**New York**

Assembly Bill 1837 and SB 1591 would permit PAs to use fluoroscopy for guidance of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures; provided that the PA has successfully completed an educational program consisting of at least 40 hours of didactic and 40 hours of clinical training with successful completion of a competency exam, as approved by the Department of Health.
ACR/Chapter activity: The New York Radiological Society opposes the measures.

Status: Referred to their respective Health Committees

SB 3056 would permit nurse practitioners (NPs) to perform therapeutic measures in collaboration with a licensed physician or nurse practitioner. In addition, a certified nurse practitioner practicing for more than 3,600 hours would not be required to collaborate with a physician or NP.

ACR/Chapter activity: The New York Radiological Society opposes the measures.

Status: Referred to the Higher Education Committee

South Dakota

SB 134 sought to change the practice agreement between a PA and physician to a collaborative agreement.

ACR/Chapter activity: The South Dakota Radiological Society opposed the bill.

Status: Failed in Senate chamber.

Tennessee

HB 184 would permit APRNs to initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes ordering diagnostic services.

ACR/Chapter activity: The Tennessee Radiological Society opposes the bill.

Status: Will be heard by the Health Subcommittee

SB 176 seeks to permit APRNs to plan and initiate a therapeutic regimen that includes ordering and prescribing non-pharmacological interventions, including durable medical equipment, medical devices and diagnostic services.

ACR/Chapter activity: The Tennessee Radiological Society is working with the Tennessee Collaborative Care Coalition to oppose the bill.

Status: Referred to General Subcommittee of Senate Commerce and Labor Committee

Virginia

HB 1245 would repeal a sunset provision in a bill (HB 1737) enacted in 2021 that would reduce the number of years of full-time clinical experience a nurse practitioner must have to be eligible to practice without a practice agreement from five years to two years.

ACR/Chapter activity: The Virginia Radiological Society is opposed to the measure. ACR alongside VRS sent a letter opposing this bill as well

Status: Passed both chambers

Washington

SB 5704 would mandate carriers to reimburse advanced registered nurse practitioners and physicians at the same rate for providing the same healthcare services.
**ACR/Chapter activity:** The Washington Radiological Society is opposed to the measure.

**Status:** Referred to the Ways and Means Committee