



SB 310 Effective December 29, 2020
Authorizes Certain Limited Exemptions to Nursing License Requirements
From December 29, 2020 through May 1, 2021

SB 310 was signed into law on December 29, 2020 and became effective immediately. The bill authorizes certain exemptions to nursing licensing requirements through May 1, 2021 due to the COVID-19 emergency:

- Temporary physician assistant and advanced practice nurse supervision: The bill allows until May 1, 2021, the following to occur with regards to specified health professionals employed by or under contract with a hospital or other health care facility: physician assistants to practice under a physician or podiatrist without a supervision agreement, and certified nurse-midwives, clinical nurse specialists, or certified nurse practitioners to practice under a physician or podiatrist without a standard of care arrangement as long as the physician or podiatrist collaborates with the nurse.
- Temporary respiratory care professional authority: The bill allows until May 1, 2021, a respiratory care professional (RCP) to direct the practice of a licensed practical nurse (LPN).
- Temporary licenses for inactive health care professional: The bill allows until May 1, 2021, a nurse, pharmacist, physician assistant (PA), physician, podiatrist, respiratory therapist, or emergency medical technician (EMT) whose license has lapsed or was placed on inactive status within the past five years, including due to retirement, to practice under a temporary license without having to reinstate or restore the license. Licensees who previously had their license suspended or revoked are not eligible to practice under this temporary license.