

Amend CSSB 532 (house committee printing) as follows:

(1) In SECTION 2 of the bill, in amended Section 157.053(e)(1), Occupations Code (page 3, line 4), strike "three" and substitute "four [~~three~~"]".

(2) In SECTION 3 of the bill, in amended Section 157.0541(e), Occupations Code (page 4, lines 17 and 18), strike "three" both times the word appears in Subsection (e) and substitute "four [~~three~~"]".

(3) In the recital to SECTION 4 of the bill (page 4, line 21) between "by" and "adding", insert "amending Subsection (a) and".

(4) In SECTION 4 of the bill, immediately before proposed Section 157.0542(b-1), Occupations Code (page 4, between lines 21 and 22), insert the following:

(a) On determining that the conditions of Subsection (b) have been met, the board may waive or modify any of the site or supervision requirements for a physician to delegate the carrying out or signing of prescription drug orders to an advanced practice nurse or physician assistant under Sections 157.052, 157.053, 157.054, and 157.0541, or under board rules. The board may not waive the limitation on the number of primary or alternate practice sites at which a physician may delegate the carrying out or signing of prescription drug orders or the number of advanced practice nurses or physician assistants to whom a physician may delegate the carrying out or signing of prescription drug orders, except as provided by Subsection (b-1)(1).

(5) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Section 157.054(b), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A physician's authority to delegate under Subsection (a) is limited as follows:

(1) the delegation must be made under a physician's order, standing medical order, standing delegation order, or another order or protocol developed in accordance with policies approved by the facility's medical staff or a committee of the facility's medical staff as provided by the facility bylaws;

(2) the delegation must occur in the facility in which

the physician is the medical director, the chief of medical staff, the chair of the credentialing committee, or a department chair;

(3) the delegation may not permit the carrying out or signing of prescription drug orders for the care or treatment of the patients of any other physician without the prior consent of that physician;

(4) delegation in a long-term care facility must be by the medical director and is limited to the carrying out and signing of prescription drug orders to not more than four [~~three~~] advanced practice nurses or physician assistants or their full-time equivalents; and

(5) a physician may not delegate at more than one licensed hospital or more than two long-term care facilities unless approved by the board.

SECTION _____. Section 157.059(f), Occupations Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) The authority of a physician to delegate under this section is limited to:

(1) four [~~three~~] nurse midwives or physician assistants or their full-time equivalents; and

(2) the designated facility at which the nurse midwife or physician assistant provides care.