By:  Cortez (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 387

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 16, 2019; April 17, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Business & Commerce; May 2, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 2, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hancock              X

Nichols              X

Campbell             X

Creighton            X

Menéndez             X

Paxton               X

Schwertner           X

Whitmire                       X

Zaffirini            X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to submission of reports by an advanced practice registered nurse under the workers' compensation system.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1.  Section 408.025(a-1), Labor Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a-1)  A treating doctor may delegate to a physician assistant who is licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 204, Occupations Code, or an advanced practice registered nurse who is licensed to practice in this state under Chapter 301, Occupations Code, the authority to complete and sign a work status report regarding an injured employee's ability to return to work.  The delegating treating doctor is responsible for the acts of the physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse under this subsection.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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