

MICROFILM DIVIDER

OMB/RECORDS MANAGEMENT DIVISION
SFN 2053 (2/85) 5M



ROLL NUMBER

DESCRIPTION

1481

The micrographic images on this film are accurate reproductions of records delivered to Modern Information Systems for microfilming and were filmed in the regular course of business. The photographic process meets standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for archival microfilm. NOTICE: If the filmed image above is less legible than this Notice, it is due to the quality of the document being filmed.

Yolanda Richardson
Operator's Signature

10/16/03
Date

2003 HOUSE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1481

The micrographic images on this film are accurate reproductions of records delivered to Modern Information Systems for microfilming and were filmed in the regular course of business. The photographic process meets standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for archival microfilm. NOTICE: If the filmed image above is less legible than this Notice, it is due to the quality of the document being filmed.

Salvatore Richard
Operator's Signature

10/10/03
Date

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1481

House Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date February 3, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
1	x		17.4 - 47.3
1	x		51.9 - 60.1
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Sharon Kenyon</i>			

Rep. Severson appeared as prime sponsor stating that Nurse Practitioners are usually the people to take care of the patient from the onset of illness to death and yet not able to sign the death certificates. They end up waiting several hours for a doctor and then need to explain what they did, etc., before the physician could sign the death certificate. It would help us immensely. The physician should be the first if there and under his care to sign it, but if not, the nurse practitioners should be able to. Its another tool to move ahead.

Rep. Amerman wondered about liability insurance and if this would rate any type of liability for a nurse practitioner if they were given the ability to sign death certificates?

Rep. Severson: Doesn't believe so

Dr. Craig Lambrecht, Senior State Medical Officer for ND Dept. of Health and ER Physician appeared neutral on the bill with written testimony.

Rep. Price asked Dr. Lambrecht to give explanation of what a nurse practitioner's duties are. He also stated that he has a relationship with 3 nurse practitioners and what that collaborative

Page 2
House Human Services Committee
Bill/Resolution Number HB 1481
Hearing Date February 3, 2003

agreement basically says is that there is a guaranteed close relationship with the physician. Even though they are independent and they can write their own prescriptions and a physician does not have to see the same patients that they do, there is a guaranteed line of communication between another individual who has an expertise in medicine. And most of the time those collaborative agreements work very well and there is good communication. Because potentially there's a malpractice or there's legal liability for myself over these individuals or the collaborative physician.

Questions of the committee in regard to situations where there may be a mortician who is the coroner or a sheriff is the coroner in small town areas and if a nurse practitioner would have more training than a mortician.

Rep. Amerman asked Dr. Lambrecht if there were some ramifications because several national organizations did not support this.

Dr. Lambrecht: No, we do not lose our funding if this passes.

Dr. Dennis Wolf, MD, Doctor of the Day appeared on behalf of himself against the bill stating that in some small towns, if you were to kill your spouse in one of those counties where the sheriff is acting as coroner and some of these counties do not do autopsies, you could probably get by with it because of non-trained personnel signing death certificates.

Rep. Price asked Dr. Wolf if he wouldn't feel more comfortable with a nurse practitioner signing the death certificate instead of a county sheriff?

Dr. Wolf: Yes I would, but we're now adding another person without training. If there was something in the bill that required so much training, it would be better.

The micrographic images on this film are accurate reproductions of records delivered to Modern Information Systems for microfilming and were filmed in the regular course of business. The photographic process meets standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for archival microfilm. NOTICE: If the filmed image above is less legible than this Notice, it is due to the quality of the document being filmed.

La Costa Richard
Operator's Signature

10/16/03
Date

Page 3
House Human Services Committee
Bill/Resolution Number HB 1481
Hearing Date February 3, 2003

Rep. Porter: In the collaborative agreement, is that just a standard form agreement or is there a possibility that we don't have to get involved in the educational part of it?

Dr. Wolf: there is no formal training for a certain time, so doesn't think that a collaborating physician would want to allow a nurse practitioner that capability without some form of training.

Rep. Porter stated he doesn't feel that its his job to dictate that training and feels its up to the doctors and nurse practitioners in their collaborating agreement.

Rep. Porter stated again that this doesn't make sense that through their collaborative agreement that all of the concerns that have been brought by the Medical Assoc. and Health Dept. can't be addressed on a professional level with the collaborative agreement and doesn't see any reason why when you have a trained medical professional in a community why they can't operate and moves a Do Pass. Second by Rep. Wieland.

Rep. Price stated that is why she had Dr. Lambrecht go through what the nurse practitioner can or cannot do and it is strictly an agreement between that nurse practitioner and the physician. If the physician has a new nurse practitioner, I wouldn't think they would allow them a lot of different duties until they felt comfortable with them.

Rep. Kreidt stated that he worked until that situation at the nursing home and had a nurse practitioner who was there everyday and has almost become the doctor and feels they were very capable.

Rep. Wieland stated he would much rather have a nurse practitioner sign a death certificate than a sheriff and doesn't see any problem with this bill.

Rep. Niemeier feels that a nurse practitioner who takes care of the patient is certainly qualified.

Vote: 12 - 0 - 1 Rep. Kreidt to carry the bill.

Handwritten mark in the top right corner.

Date: February 3, 2003
Roll Call Vote #:

2003 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1481

House HUMAN SERVICES Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Legislative Council Amendment Number _____

Action Taken Do Pass

Motion Made By Rep. Porter Seconded By Rep. Wieland

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. Clara Sue Price - Chair	✓		Rep. Sally Sandvig	✓	
Rep. Bill Devlin, Vice-Chair	✓		Rep. Bill Amerman	✓	
Rep. Robin Weisz A			Rep. Carol Niemeier	✓	
Rep. Vonnie Pietsch	✓		Rep. Louise Potter	✓	
Rep. Gerald Uglem	✓				
Rep. Chet Pollert	✓				
Rep. Todd Porter	✓				
Rep. Gary Kreidt	✓				
Rep. Alon Wieland	✓				

Total (Yes) 12 No 0

Absent 1

Floor Assignment Rep. Kreidt

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

The micrographic images on this film are accurate reproductions of records delivered to Modern Information Systems for microfilming and were filmed in the regular course of business. The photographic process meets standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for archival microfilm. NOTICE: If the filmed image above is less legible than this Notice, it is due to the quality of the document being filmed.

Salvatore Riccardi 10/6/03
Operator's Signature Date

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
February 3, 2003 1:57 p.m.

Module No: HR-20-1545
Carrier: Kreidt
Insert LC: . Title: .

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1481: Human Services Committee (Rep. Price, Chairman) recommends DO PASS
(12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1481 was placed on the
Eleventh order on the calendar.

(2) DESK, (3) COMM

Page No. 1

HR-20-1545

The micrographic images on this film are accurate reproductions of records delivered to Modern Information Systems for microfilming and were filmed in the regular course of business. The photographic process meets standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for archival microfilm. NOTICE: If the filmed image above is less legible than this Notice, it is due to the quality of the document being filmed.

LoCoستا Rickford
Operator's Signature

10/16/03
Date

2003 SENATE HUMAN SERVICES

HB 1481

The micrographic images on this film are accurate reproductions of records delivered to Modern Information Systems for microfilming and were filmed in the regular course of business. The photographic process meets standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for archival microfilm. NOTICE: If the filmed image above is less legible than this Notice, it is due to the quality of the document being filmed.

Loiseta Rickford
Operator's Signature

10/10/03
Date

2003 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

BILL/RESOLUTION NO. HB 1481

Senate Human Services Committee

Conference Committee

Hearing Date March 12, 2003

Tape Number	Side A	Side B	Meter #
2	X		1216 - 3124
Committee Clerk Signature <i>Donna Kramer, Clerk</i>			

Minutes:

SENATOR JUDY LEE opened the public hearing for HB 1481 relating to the signing of death certificates by a nurse practitioner.

REPRESENTATIVE SEVERSON introduced the bill. He gave an example of a problem that arose when there was no doctor present at the time of a death. The nurse practitioner had to sit down with the doctor and tell him what was going with the nurse practitioner's patient. The nurse practitioner had taken care of the patient and yet could not sign the death certificate. ...

Reason for the bill. (Meter # 1261 - 1408)

BRIAN TWETE, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner who works at the Cooperstown Medical Center and at Northwood Deaconess Health Center, testified in support of HB 1481. ... Existing code too restrictive ... untimely delays ... (Written testimony) (Meter # 1444 -

DR. CONSTANCE KALANEK, Executive Director of the North Dakota Board of Nursing, testified in support. (Written testimony) (Meter # 1863 - 2076)

The micrographic images on this film are accurate reproductions of records delivered to Modern Information Systems for microfilming and were filmed in the regular course of business. The photographic process meets standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) for archival microfilm. NOTICE: If the filmed image above is less legible than this Notice, it is due to the quality of the document being filmed.

Salvatore Riccio
Operator's Signature

10/16/03
Date

Page 2

Senate Human Services Committee

Bill/Resolution Number HB 1481

Hearing Date March 12, 2003

CRAIG LAMBRECHT, Senior Medical Officer for the North Dakota Department of Health,

testified in a neutral position. (Written testimony) (Meter # 2154 - 2433)

SENATOR LEE: It doesn't require nurse practitioners to sign death certificates, as far as I can read, it would just allow them to. Continued discussion with Craig Lambrecht regarding inaccurate death certificates signed ... curriculum for nurse practitioners ... particularly long-term care facilities ... malpractice situation after death - death certificate being inaccurate ... death certificates signed off without a post mortem - that's where the problems lie ... (Meter # 2435 - 2890)

SENATOR LEE: Question for Dr. Kalenek - need for additional education?

DR. CONSTANCE KALANEK: Already included in the curriculum. ... (Meter # 2892 - 2933)

SENATOR LEE: Mr. Peske, do you see a liability issue?

DAVID PESKE, with the North Dakota Medical Association. ... On the House side, we stood in opposition because of the questions that the statute raised. ... Have since talked to a lot of doctors about this issue and most of them expressed comfort in allowing this to happen for the reasons that you've heard from the nurse practitioners and others. We are not in opposition at this point. ... (Meter # 2947 - 3107)

SENATOR LEE closed the public hearing. (Meter # 3124)

