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Bill Analysis

SB 478 adds Certified Nurse Practitioners to the term "licensed practitioner" as it relates to the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. Additionally, the measure defines Supervising Certified Nurse Practitioner to mean any nurse who obtained independent prescriptive authority supervising a Certified Nurse Practitioner who has not obtained independent prescriptive authority. Additionally, a Certified Nurse-Midwife is authorized to prescribe, provided such persons are placed under a Supervising Certified Nurse Practitioner or physician. Physician assistants are also authorized to prescribe, provided such assistants are properly supervised. The Oklahoma Board of Nursing may grant prescriptive authority through the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license to Certified Nurse Practitioners after the Nurse completed at least 1 year of practice with prescriptive authority supervised by a physician or a supervising Certified Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nurse-Midwives and Clinical Nurse Specialists who meet the requirements for prescriptive authority. Additionally, the Board may require an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to have graduated from a program accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) or the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

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