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Bill Analysis

SB 977 authorizes any Advanced Practice Registered Nurse recognized by the Nursing Board as a Certified Nurse Practitioner or Clinical Nurse Specialist who holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree and who has completed a minimum 2,000 hours of practice with prescriptive authority supervised by a physician or a supervising Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to apply for the authority to prescribe independent of supervision. Prescriptive authority shall expire when the current license to practice expires and may be renewed upon application to the Board. Such nurses shall practice in 1 or more Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) or provide care exclusively to 1 or more MUA's designated by the Health Resources and Services Administration. A nurse with 8,000 hours of practice with independent prescriptive authority may serve as a supervisor.

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