HOUSE BILL 280

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH; REQUIRING HEALTH FACILITIES TO GRANT
CERTAIN PRIVILEGES TO CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND
CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES IN PARITY WITH PHYSICIAN PRIVILEGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. [NEW MATERIAL] HEALTH FACILITIES--CERTIFIED
NURSE PRACTITIONERS--CERTIFIED NURSE-MIDWIVES--PRIVILEGES--
PARITY WITH PHYSICIANS--

A. Unless required by federal law, a health
facility shall establish the same criteria for granting patient
admitting or discharge privileges or in authorizing continuing
patient care for certified nurse practitioners, certified
nurse-midwives and clinical nurse specialists as the health
facility has established for physicians.

B. A health facility shall ensure that certified
nurse practitioners, certified nurse-midwives and clinical
nurse specialists acting in accordance with these
professionals' respective scopes of practice under New Mexico
law are:

(1) eligible to serve on the health facility's
medical staff;

(2) credentialed under the same procedures as
the health facility has established for physicians; and

(3) authorized to conduct peer review of their
professional colleagues.

C. As used in this section:

(1) "certified nurse-midwife" means an
individual licensed as a registered nurse pursuant to the
Nursing Practice Act and licensed by the department of health
as a certified nurse-midwife;

(2) "certified nurse practitioner" means a
registered nurse who is licensed by the board of nursing for
advanced practice as a certified nurse practitioner pursuant to
the Nursing Practice Act;

(3) "health facility" means a health facility
licensed by the department of health pursuant to the Public
Health Act; and

(4) "physician" means an individual licensed
to practice as a medical doctor or an osteopathic physician.