

Date of Hearing: July 16, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Buffy Wicks, Chair

SB 773 (Ashby) – As Introduced February 21, 2025

Policy Committee: Business and Professions

Vote: 16 - 0

Urgency: No

State Mandated Local Program: No

Reimbursable: No

SUMMARY:

This bill deletes the requirement for the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) to have permission from the director of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) to form an advisory committee to inform the BRN on implementation of the Nursing Practice Act.

FISCAL EFFECT:

No costs to the BRN.

COMMENTS:

1) **Purpose.** According to the author:

DCA boards are semiautonomous regulatory bodies with the authority to set their own priorities and policies and take disciplinary action on their licensees. SB 773 reflects this structure for the BRN by removing the requirement – a requirement unique to the BRN – that [it] receive permission from the Director of [DCA] when they establish an advisory committee. The existing law is outdated and no longer reflects current practices. By removing this outdated requirement, SB 773 will streamline the advisory committee process, allowing the BRN to operate more efficiently and respond more effectively to emerging challenges.

2) **Background.** The BRN administers and enforces the Nursing Practice Act, which is the chapter of laws that establishes the BRN and outlines the regulatory framework for the practice, licensing, education, and discipline of registered nurses (RNs) and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs). APRNs include certified nurse mid-wives, nurse anesthetists, nurse practitioners (NPs), and clinical nurse specialists (CNSs). The BRN has five advisory committees composed of non-board member stakeholders to make recommendations to the BRN on specific topics: NP Advisory Committee, Nurse-Midwifery Advisory Committee, Nursing Education and Workforce Advisory Committee, CNS Advisory Committee, and the Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Committee.

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