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North to the Future

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Senate Bill 53 Sponsor Statement Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN)

Senate Bill 53 updates Alaska's 34-year old statutory title from "Advanced Nurse Practitioner" (ANP) and "Nurse Anesthetist" (NA) to now be called "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" (APRN).

WHY?

- Making this change will bring us into alignment with a national movement called the APRN Consensus Model that standardizes titles for Advanced Practice Nurses.
- ANP and NA are outdated titles. As more states adopt the consensus model, those titles will become even more outdated.
- The Advanced Nurse Practitioner title does not reflect the title or education of Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) or Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) so its use can be confusing outside of Alaska.
- The APRN title is now used by many insurance companies, Medicare and also the Veterans Administration. Its use should eliminate denials of reimbursements based on confusion about the service provider.
- The use of the APRN title will increase clarity of practice roles across state lines.

Nothing in this bill changes certification or licensing requirements currently in place, nor changes in fee structures to the board. This merely incorporates the ANP and the NA titles, including the CNS and CNM, under the new designation Advanced Practice Registered Nurse.

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