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**EXPLANATION OF CHANGES**

*HB 392: EXPAND ADV. PRAC. REG. NURSE AUTHORITY*

*Ver. B*

**Version B (House Health and Social Services)**

**Sections 1-2:**

Adds “physician assistant” to language in *AS.08.68.700(a) Determination of death by registered nurse* to allow a Registered Nurse (RN) to pronounce or determine a death of a person if a physician, advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), or a physician assistant (PA) has:

- Documented that the person’s death was anticipated; or
- The RN had prior written authorization from a physician, PA, or APRN

HB 392 as originally written only expanded this authority to APRNs. It was then amended to include Physician Assistants.

**Section 3-4:**

Adds language and conforming changes authorizing PAs to certify a death in addition to APRNs and Physicians.

**Section 5-10:**

Adds language authorizing PAs to issue or revoke a Do Not Resuscitate order in addition to APRNs and Physicians. It also makes conforming changes to ensure PAs are subject to the same standard policies and protocols.

**Section 11:**

Adds “physician assistants” to the Advanced Health Care Directive Form.

**Section 12-14:**

Adds “physician assistants” to relevant definitions.

**Section 15:**

Authorizes physician assistants to sign a death certificate. Defines physician assistant as an individual licensed under *AS 08.64.107 Regulation of Physician Assistants and Intensive Care Paramedics*.