

# HB553 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the endorsement of a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife is deemed to be the endorsement of a physician for certain documents.

This bill would specifically provide that the endorsement of a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife on a physical examination form for participation of a student in K-12 school athletics is deemed the endorsement of a physician.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to certified registered nurse practitioners; to amend Section 34-21-93.1, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that an endorsement by a certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse midwife on a physical examination form for participation in school athletics satisfies any requirement for the endorsement of a physician on the required form.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:



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29           Section 1. Section 34-21-93.1 of the Code of Alabama  
30 1975, is amended to read as follows:

31           "§34-21-93.1

32           (a) When any law or rule requires a signature,  
33 certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement  
34 by a physician, the document shall be deemed to authorize a  
35 signature, certification, stamp, verification, affidavit, or  
36 endorsement by a certified registered nurse practitioner or  
37 certified nurse midwife for the items listed in this section.  
38 The authority in this section for a certified registered nurse  
39 practitioner and a certified nurse midwife shall be subject to  
40 an active collaboration agreement. This section applies to all  
41 of the following:

42           (1) Certification of disability for patients to receive  
43 special access parking or disability access parking tags or  
44 placards.

45           (2) A signature required for any of the following:

46           a. The following documents that require a complete  
47 history and physical examination consistent with the examining  
48 provider's scope of practice and certification:

49           1. Physicals for bus drivers in this state using State  
50 of Alabama forms.

51           2. Physicals to verify eligibility for students to  
52 participate in the Special Olympics.

53           3. Employment and pre-employment physicals for  
54 Transportation Security Agency (TSA) employees at an airport  
55 or for governmental employees such as firefighters and law  
56 enforcement officers.



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57 4. Adoptive parent applications.

58 5. College or trade school physicals.

59 6. Boy Scout or Girl Scout physicals or physical  
60 required by similar organizations.

61 7. Physicals to verify eligibility for students to  
62 participate in K-12 school athletic activities including, but  
63 not limited to, interscholastic athletic activities.

64 b. Forms excusing a potential jury member due to an  
65 illness.

66 c. Forms relating to absenteeism for employment or  
67 school purposes, including, but not limited to, documents  
68 associated with the federal Family and Medical Leave Act.

69 d. Authorizations for durable medical equipment.

70 e. Authorizations for diabetic testing supplies.

71 f. Authorization for diabetic shoes.

72 g. Home health recertification orders after initial  
73 certification.

74 h. Within the state Medicaid system, any and all forms  
75 for the ordering of medications, nutritional supplements, or  
76 infant formulas, or referrals to providers of medical  
77 specialties, home health services, and physical or occupation  
78 therapy.

79 i. Death certificates.

80 j. Forms, including physical examination forms, needed  
81 for certifications in residential or inpatient dwellings  
82 within the Department of Mental Health.

83 k. Forms for ambulance transport.

84 l. Forms for donor breast milk.



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85 m. Required documentation allowing a diabetic to renew  
86 or obtain a driver's license.

87 (b) Additional forms may be approved by rule under the  
88 Alabama Administrative Procedure Act by the State Board of  
89 Medical Examiners, after consulting with the state  
90 professional society of nurse practitioners, the state  
91 professional society of nurse midwives, the state professional  
92 society of physicians, or the Joint Committee of the State  
93 Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing for  
94 Advanced Practice Nurses as established by Section 34-21-81,  
95 whichever is appropriate.

96 (c) This section shall not be construed to expand the  
97 scope of practice for any certified registered nurse  
98 practitioner or certified nurse midwife.

99 (d) This section does not expand the scope of a  
100 collaborative physician's responsibility with regard to nurse  
101 practitioners or nurse midwives under the laws of this state.

102 (e) Any document signed or otherwise endorsed by a  
103 certified registered nurse practitioner or certified nurse  
104 midwife in lieu of a physician pursuant to this section shall  
105 be accepted as valid and lawful by the organization or entity  
106 requesting a physician's signature."

107 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
108 1, 2025.