

May 16th, 2017

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE TESTIMONY Senator Laurie Monnes-Anderson, Chair Senator Jeff Kruse, Vice Chair

Re: HB 2103, Permits licensed nurse practitioners to perform vasectomies.

POSITION: NO!!!!!!!

Dear Senator Monnes-Anderson, Senator Kruse and other distinguished committee members:

As a physician, I oppose HB 2103 and I urge you to vote NO.

This bill grossly underestimates the importance of training needed to practice medicine and perform safe surgery.

Nurse Practitioners (NPs) are not physicians.

A QUICK GOOGLE SEARCH demonstrates the proliferation of online NP schools where a degree can be earned with minuscule in-person training in less than two years with no physician oversight ever.

Once credentialed, NPs are governed by a nursing board, again with no medical oversight.

To practice urology, physicians undergo 4 years of post-graduate training and go on to a minimum 5 year urology residency.

This overreach beyond NP scope of practice is ridiculous and dangerous.

For your own family, who would you trust with a scalpel?

I urge you to vote No.

Sincerely,

Renee Sabshin, M.D.