

HB 2103 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Nosse

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 03/06/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 6-3-0-0

Yeas: 6 - Alonso Leon, Greenlick, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Nays: 3 - Buehler, Hack, Hayden

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows licensed nurse practitioners to perform vasectomies.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Current scope of practice for nurse practitioners
- Education and training requirements
- Current barriers to, and demands for, receiving vasectomies
- Concerns about vasectomy complications
- Concerns about adequacy of nurse practitioner training and experience for procedure
- Concerns about lack of data
- Permissiveness of the measure
- Additional training and education required for nurse practitioners

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A Nurse Practitioner (NP) is a registered nurse with advanced training in diagnosing and treating illnesses; they are generally authorized to prescribe medications, treat illnesses and administer physical exams. Nurse Practitioners provide primary care, some acute care, and are qualified to meet the majority of patients' health-care needs. Numerous studies have indicated that NPs increase access to services, provide high quality provider-client interaction and focus on health education and prevention.

Currently, statute allows NPs to perform procedures such as bone marrow aspiration, chest tube placement and lumbar puncture with the appropriate training, competency, credentialing and privileging.