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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT AUTHORIZING NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PHYSICIAN
ASSISTANTS TO CONDUCT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS IN CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 90-18.3. Physical examination by nurse practitioners and physician assistants.

(a) Whenever a statute or State agency rule requires that a physical examination shall be conducted by a physician, the examination may be conducted and the form signed by a nurse practitioner or a physician's assistant, and a physician need not be present. Nothing in this section shall otherwise change the scope of practice of a nurse practitioner or a physician's assistant, as defined by G.S. 90-18.1 and G.S. 90-18.2, respectively.

(b) This section shall not apply to physical examinations conducted pursuant to G.S. 1A-1, Rule 35; G.S. 15B-12; G.S. 90-14; or any rules adopted by the North Carolina

- 1 Boxing Commission requiring physical examinations unless those statutes or rules are
- 2 amended to make the provisions of this section applicable."
- 3 Section 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1999.