



To: Senate Health Committee
From: Eric Snyder, Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses
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RE: OAAPN House Bill 377 Proponent Testimony

Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony on House Bill 377 on behalf of the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses (OAAPN).

The Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses represents more than 30,000 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) across the state, including certified nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, and certified nurse midwives. OAAPN's mission is to ensure Ohioans have access to safe, high-quality, and timely care by supporting policies that recognize and utilize the full expertise and training of APRNs.

House Bill 377 is a well-balanced, thoughtful piece of legislation that modernizes Ohio's regulatory framework for the use of light-based medical devices for hair removal. Over the past year, OAAPN has collaborated closely with the Ohio State Medical Association, representatives of the light-based device industry, and Representative Deeter to ensure this bill reflects a consensus approach that prioritizes patient safety, maintains professional accountability, and expands access to care. We believe House Bill 377 achieves those goals.

This bill makes several important updates to current law:

- It expands the number of delegates a physician may supervise when authorizing light-based hair removal procedures, allowing a delegating physician to supervise up to five laser hair removal professionals or five registered nurses or licensed practical nurses at one time, rather than the current limit of two.
- It permits off-site supervision of registered nurses and licensed practical nurses who perform these procedures, provided they have completed an approved training and education program that meets defined competency standards.
- Most importantly for our members, the bill extends delegation and supervisory authority to Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants under the same standards and requirements as physician delegation.

APRNs are highly educated, credentialed, and regulated healthcare professionals who practice safely and effectively in a wide range of advanced clinical settings. APRNs hold master's or doctoral degrees, complete extensive clinical training, and maintain national certification and Ohio Board of Nursing licensure. They are well-versed in medical laser and light-based technologies commonly used in dermatology, aesthetics, and outpatient care.

Allowing APRNs to delegate and supervise light-based hair removal procedures recognizes their training, professional accountability, and the collaborative role they play across the healthcare system. It also aligns Ohio with national standards and neighboring states that already authorize APRNs to oversee such procedures.



This change does not expand the scope of practice of an APRN, it removes unnecessary regulatory barriers. By empowering APRNs to delegate and oversee light-based procedures, Ohio will increase the safety of these procedures by providing the industry with greater access to qualified health care professionals.

On behalf of the Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses, I thank Representative Deeter for her leadership and this Committee for your attention to this issue. We respectfully urge your support for House Bill 377.

Sincerely,

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