

The Honorable Ron DeSantis  
Governor  
State of Florida  
Executive Office of the Governor  
400 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Re: HB 607

On behalf of the Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons and its physician members, I implore you to veto HB 607, which grants independent practice for Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners. This legislation drastically reduces the quality of care that Floridians can expect, with no reasonable expectation of reduced costs for the Florida consumer.

As has been recounted on numerous occasions, APRNs, while valuable members of the health care team, lack the training and experience required of allopathic and osteopathic physicians. Allowing such practitioners to treat patients without the benefit of a physician team member not only deprives the Nurse Practitioner of this valuable resource, but more importantly threatens the health of the patient that may not understand the differences between the two professions. Even the bill's limitation of subcutaneous surgery does not protect patients from the myriad of complications that can arise from such procedures.

For the sake of our patients, I urge you to veto this flawed legislation.

Sincerely,

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Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons