



H.289 – OPR Bill  
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The Vermont Association of Nurse Anesthetists (VTANA) represents Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs) in Vermont. CRNAs play a vital role in the delivery of health care in all settings.

For several years, we have been concerned about the outdated language used in many statutes. Some statutes refer only to “physicians” when, in fact, those statutes refer to practices that are within in the scope of practice for CRNAs and other health care providers.

We are requesting that the Senate Government Operations Committee include the following language in the OPR bill so that we can begin to identify the relevant statutes and address any amendments that might need to be made.

We are requesting the following amendment to H.289 –

Sec. XX. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL; STATUTORY REVIEW AND CATALOG;  
“PHYSICIAN” AND “DOCTOR”

The legislative council is directed to prepare a catalog of the use of the words “physician” and “doctor” in the Vermont Statutes Annotated and to deliver the catalog to the general assembly no later than November 1, 2021.

Thank you for your consideration of this amendment.