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OPPOSE

I am an anesthesiologist practicing within Brown University Health, and I oppose House Bill H 7740. I have over 15 years of clinical experience and currently practice at several of Rhode Island's major hospitals, including Rhode Island Hospital, The Miriam Hospital, Newport Hospital, and Women & Infants Hospital.

Decisions regarding provider privileges should not be codified in statute. Hospitals are best positioned to grant privileges based on demonstrated competency, training, and experience rather than rigid legislative definitions. There is no evidence that current, hospital-governed protocols have resulted in adverse patient outcomes. Rhode Island hospitals already maintain rigorous credentialing, training, and oversight standards for registered nurses. Additionally, no other state has imposed comparable restrictions in state law.

Regards,

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