

## Alabama



### Alabama - 5th SoE

**Sponsor:** Governor Kay Ivey (R)

**Actions:** 04/02/2020 Emergency issued

**Summary:** Summary of 4/2/2020 Order

Governor Kay Ivey has issued a new supplemental State of Emergency for Alabama.

The order expands the scope of practice for certain health care professionals which include certified nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, registered nurse anesthetists, physician assistants, and anesthesia assistants to be able to practice in licensed health care facilities during the public health emergency. Licensed healthcare facilities that implement such arrangements are responsible for keeping accurate records.

The order allows physicians who practice outside of a licensed health care facility to have temporary emergency approval for collaboration agreements with registered nurse practitioners and certified nurse midwives, including registration agreements with anesthesia assistants and physician assistants. Such agreements do not need to exceed a cumulative of 360 hours per week. Such agreements will be deemed approved after submission to the Alabama Board of Nursing and the State Board of Medical Examiners.

The order authorizes registered nurse practitioners and certified nurse-midwives practicing to an existing collaborative practice agreement or an emergency collaboration to provide services through telehealth. Advanced practice registered nurses who currently provide services to residents at practice sites in another location to provide telehealth services for the continuity of care.

The order permits out-of-state health care practitioners to practice in Alabama and to be given expedited licensures or temporary permits for pharmacy, nursing, and medicine. Reinstatements of medical licenses are also expedited to qualified physicians who wish to provide health care to those afflicted by COVID-19.

The order permits waivers to the certificate of need process to permit new services, facilities, and other resources needed for the treatment of patients affected by COVID-19 or to find new spaces.

The Alabama Board of Pharmacy will establish emergency rules to allow expedited temporary pharmacy permits.

**Bill Links** [4/2/2020 Version](#)

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## Alabama - HB 126

**Sponsor:** Representative Andrew Sorrell (R)

**Actions:** 01/13/2022 Introduced; Referred to the Health House Committee

**Summary:** Summary for 1/13/2022 Version

This measure amends the Alabama code relating to air ambulance services.

This measure exempts air ambulance services from the jurisdiction of the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA). This measure prohibits the SHPDA from requiring a certificate of need for air ambulance services.

This measure will take effect on the first day of the third month following its passage.

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## Alabama - HB 130

**Sponsor:** Representative Andrew Sorrell (R)

**Actions:** 01/12/2022 Introduced; Referred to House Health Committee

**Summary:** Summary for 1/12/2022 Version

This measure repeals certain certificate of need programs, and thus no longer requires health care services and facilities to seek a certificate of need to offer new or expanded services.

This measure applies to healthcare services and providers. This measure abolishes the State Health Planning and Development Agency, the State Health Planning and Development Agency, the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, the Health Care Information and Data Advisory Council, and The Certificate of Need Review Board. All funds held by or for the operation of these entities is reverted to the State General Fund.

This act takes effect October 1, 2022.

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