

- SUBJECT:** Allowing delegated APRNs to complete a workers' compensation report
- COMMITTEE:** Business and Industry — favorable, without amendment
- VOTE:** 7 ayes — Martinez Fischer, Darby, Beckley, Collier, Landgraf, Moody, Parker
- 0 nays
- 2 absent — Patterson, Shine
- WITNESSES:** For — Ashley Ferguson, Texas Nurse Practitioners; (*Registered, but did not testify*: Steve Koebele, Concentra; Leticia Van de Putte, Texas Academy of Physician Assistants; Erin Cusack, Texas Nurse Practitioners; Andrew Cates, Texas Nurses Association; Bobby Hillert, Texas Orthopaedic Association)
- Against — None
- On — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Amy Lee, Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation)
- BACKGROUND:** Labor Code ch. 408 establishes the Texas Workers' Compensation Act. Under sec. 408.025, the Texas Workforce Commission requires certain reports from health care providers regarding injured employees. Sec. 408.025(a-1) authorizes a treating doctor to delegate to a licensed in-state physician assistant the authority to complete and sign a work status report regarding an injured employee's ability to return to work. The delegating treating doctor is responsible for acts of the physician assistant in this circumstance.
- DIGEST:** HB 387 would allow a treating doctor to delegate the authority to complete and sign a work status report to an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) licensed in Texas. The delegating doctor would be responsible for acts of the APRN in this circumstance.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2019.