

## SB25-152

# Health-Care Practitioner Identification Requirements

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### Why we need SB25-152:

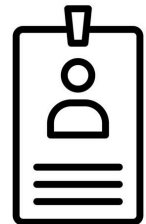
Healthcare professionals have specialized education, training, and skills that make them experts in specific areas of practice. The growing complexity of healthcare and the wide range of professional titles and qualifications used in clinical settings can make it *difficult for patients to understand who is providing them care and what their role is.*

Patients need to quickly and clearly know the training and qualifications of the healthcare providers treating them in certain situations. Clearly identifying and recognizing a healthcare provider's certification as well as their role, makes the system more transparent for patients and helps patients make better-informed choices about their healthcare.

### What SB25-152 does:

The bill establishes guidelines for how health-care practitioners identify themselves to patients and the public. Specifically it would require:

- **Identification Name Tags:**
  - Practitioners providing services in general hospitals, urgent cares, ambulatory surgical centers, and freestanding ERs must wear identification name tags displaying their credentials
- **Verbal Communication:**
  - During the first interaction with the patient, practitioners must verbally communicate their specific state-issued license, certificate, or registration and identify themselves using their titles or abbreviations
- This bill would not apply to practitioners working in non-patient-care settings or who do not have direct patient interactions. It also does not apply to situations where compliance is clinically infeasible or circumstances where a practitioner's safety is at risk.



Additionally in advertising health-care services:

- Health-care practitioners must identify the type of state-issued license, certificate, or registration they hold in advertisements.
- Advertisements must be free from deceptive or misleading information