

CHAPTER 1019

ADVANCED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS — PROFESSIONAL TITLES OR ABBREVIATIONS

S.F. 2120

AN ACT relating to the use of professional titles or abbreviations by advanced registered nurse practitioners.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 147.74, subsection 21, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

21. A registered nurse licensed under chapter 152 may use the words “registered nurse” or the letters “R. N.” after the person’s name. A licensed practical nurse licensed under chapter 152 may use the words “licensed practical nurse” or the letters “L. P. N.” after the person’s name. An advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 152 or 152E may use the words “advanced registered nurse practitioner” or the letters “A.R.N.P.” after the person’s name.

Sec. 2. Section 152.6, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

152.6 Licenses — professional abbreviations.

The board may license a natural person to practice as a registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse. However, only a person currently licensed as a registered nurse in this state may use that title and the ~~abbreviation “RN”~~ letters “R.N.” after the person’s name; ~~and only a person currently licensed as a licensed practical nurse in this state may use that title and the abbreviation “LPN”~~ letters “L.P.N.” after the person’s name; and only a person currently licensed as an advanced registered nurse practitioner may use that title and the letters “A.R.N.P.” after the person’s name. For purposes of this section, “currently licensed” includes persons licensed in another state and recognized for licensure in this state pursuant to the nurse licensure compact contained in section 152E.1 or pursuant to the advanced practice registered nurse compact contained in section 152E.3.

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