

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED BOARD OF NURSING
BILL)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the practice of nursing, including defining
2 the functions of an advanced registered nurse practitioner
3 and requiring background checks on nursing students.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 125.2, subsection 11, Code 2014, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 11. "*Psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner*"
4 means an individual currently licensed as a registered nurse
5 under chapter 152 or 152E who holds a national certification
6 in psychiatric mental health care and who is ~~registered with~~
7 licensed by the board of nursing as an advanced registered
8 nurse practitioner.

9 Sec. 2. Section 135G.1, subsection 1, Code 2014, is amended
10 to read as follows:

11 1. "*Advanced registered nurse practitioner*" means a person
12 currently licensed as a registered nurse under chapter 152 or
13 152E who is ~~registered with~~ licensed by the board of nursing as
14 an advanced registered nurse practitioner.

15 Sec. 3. Section 147.74, subsection 21, Code 2014, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 21. A registered nurse licensed under chapter 152 may use
18 the words "registered nurse" or the letters "R.N." after the
19 person's name. A licensed practical nurse licensed under
20 chapter 152 may use the words "licensed practical nurse" or
21 the letters "L.P.N." after the person's name. An advanced
22 registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 152 or
23 152E may use the words "advanced registered nurse practitioner"
24 or the letters "A.R.N.P." after the person's name.

25 Sec. 4. Section 147.107, subsection 8, Code 2014, is amended
26 to read as follows:

27 8. Notwithstanding subsection 1, but subject to the
28 limitations contained in subsections 2 and 3, a registered
29 nurse who is licensed ~~and registered~~ as an advanced registered
30 nurse practitioner and who qualifies for and is registered
31 in a recognized nursing specialty may prescribe substances
32 or devices, including controlled substances or devices, if
33 the nurse is engaged in the practice of a nursing specialty
34 regulated under rules adopted by the board of nursing in
35 consultation with the board of medicine and the board of

1 pharmacy.

2 Sec. 5. Section 152.1, Code 2014, is amended by adding the
3 following new subsections:

4 NEW SUBSECTION. 0A. *"Advanced registered nurse practitioner"*
5 means a nurse with a current license as a registered nurse in
6 Iowa or who is licensed in another state and recognized for
7 licensure in this state pursuant to the nurse licensure compact
8 contained in chapter 152E, and is also licensed in Iowa to
9 practice in an advanced role.

10 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. The *"practice of an advanced registered*
11 *nurse practitioner"* means the practice of a registered nurse
12 with formal advanced education who is licensed by the board to
13 do all of the following:

14 a. Use the title "advanced registered nurse practitioner"
15 and the letters "A.R.N.P." pursuant to section 152.6.

16 b. Utilize full practice authority in a specialty area
17 approved by the board.

18 c. Prescribe, deliver, distribute, or dispense prescription
19 drugs, devices, and medical gases when the nurse is engaged in
20 the practice of a specialty area approved by the board pursuant
21 to section 147.107.

22 d. Perform a physical or an advanced assessment; order
23 and interpret diagnostic procedures; formulate a primary and
24 differential diagnosis; order therapeutic treatments; educate
25 and counsel patients and family members; delegate and assign
26 therapeutic measures to assistive personnel; maintain hospital
27 privileges; consult with other disciplines; provide referrals
28 to health care agencies, health care providers, and community
29 resources; and promote health maintenance.

30 e. Perform acts or nursing specialties that require
31 education as prescribed by the board, commensurate with the
32 advanced registered nurse practitioner's education, continuing
33 education, demonstrated competencies, and experience.

34 f. Sign death certificates, pursuant to section 144.26 or
35 144.28.

1 Sec. 6. Section 152.1, subsections 4 and 5, Code 2014, are
2 amended to read as follows:

3 4. The "*practice of a licensed practical nurse*" means the
4 practice of a natural person who is licensed by the board to do
5 all of the following:

6 a. Perform services in the provision of supportive or
7 restorative care under the supervision of a registered nurse
8 or a physician.

9 b. ~~Perform additional acts under emergency or other~~
10 ~~conditions which require education and training and which are~~
11 ~~recognized by the medical and nursing professions and are~~
12 ~~approved by the board, as being proper to be performed by a~~
13 ~~licensed practical nurse that require education as prescribed~~
14 ~~by the board, commensurate with the licensed practical nurse's~~
15 ~~education, continuing education, demonstrated competencies, and~~
16 ~~experience.~~

17 c. Make the pronouncement of death for a patient whose death
18 is anticipated if the death occurs in a licensed hospital, a
19 licensed health care facility, a Medicare-certified home health
20 agency, a Medicare-certified hospice program or facility, or
21 an assisted living facility or residential care facility,
22 with notice of the death to a physician ~~and in accordance~~
23 ~~with any directions of a physician, advanced registered nurse~~
24 ~~practitioner, or physician assistant.~~

25 5. The "*practice of nursing*" means the practice of a
26 registered nurse, ~~or~~ a licensed practical nurse, or an advanced
27 registered nurse practitioner. It does not mean any of the
28 following:

29 a. The practice of medicine and surgery and the practice of
30 osteopathic medicine and surgery, as defined in chapter 148,
31 or the practice of pharmacy as defined in chapter 155A, except
32 ~~practices which are recognized by the medical and nursing~~
33 ~~professions and approved by the board as proper to be performed~~
34 ~~by a registered nurse approved by the board as proper to be~~
35 performed by a registered nurse with appropriate education and

1 demonstrated competencies.

2 *b.* The performance of nursing services by an unlicensed
3 student enrolled in a nursing education program if performance
4 is part of the course of study. Individuals who have been
5 licensed as registered nurses, ~~or~~ licensed practical or
6 vocational nurses, or advanced registered nurse practitioners
7 in any state or jurisdiction of the United States are not
8 subject to this exemption.

9 *c.* The performance of services by unlicensed workers
10 employed in offices, hospitals, or health care facilities, as
11 defined in section 135C.1, under the supervision of a physician
12 or a nurse licensed under this chapter, or employed in the
13 office of a psychologist, podiatric physician, optometrist,
14 chiropractor, speech pathologist, audiologist, or physical
15 therapist licensed to practice in this state, and when acting
16 while within the scope of the employer's license.

17 *d.* The practice of a nurse licensed in another state
18 and employed in this state by the federal government if the
19 practice is in discharge of official employment duties.

20 *e.* The care of the sick rendered in connection with the
21 practice of the religious tenets of any church or order by
22 the adherents thereof which is not performed for hire, or if
23 performed for hire by those who depend upon prayer or spiritual
24 means for healing in the practice of the religion of their
25 church or denomination, so long as they do not otherwise engage
26 in the practice of nursing as practical nurses.

27 Sec. 7. Section 152.1, subsection 6, paragraphs d and e,
28 Code 2014, are amended to read as follows:

29 *d.* Perform ~~additional acts or nursing specialties which~~
30 that require education and training under emergency or other
31 ~~conditions which are recognized by the medical and nursing~~
32 ~~professions and are approved by the board as being proper to~~
33 ~~be performed by a registered nurse as prescribed by the board,~~
34 commensurate with the registered nurse's education, continuing
35 education, demonstrated competencies, and experience.

1 e. Make the pronouncement of death for a patient whose death
2 is anticipated if the death occurs in a licensed hospital, a
3 licensed health care facility, a Medicare-certified home health
4 agency, a Medicare-certified hospice program or facility, an
5 assisted living facility, or a residential care facility, with
6 notice of the death to a physician ~~and in accordance with any~~
7 ~~directions of a~~, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or
8 physician assistant.

9 Sec. 8. Section 152.4, Code 2014, is amended to read as
10 follows:

11 **152.4 ~~Appropriations~~ Use of funds.**

12 The board may ~~apply appropriated~~ use any available funds to
13 and moneys retained by the board pursuant to section 147.82 for
14 any of the following:

15 1. The administration and enforcement of the applicable
16 provisions of this chapter and of ~~chapter~~ chapters 147, 152E,
17 and 272C.

18 2. The elevation of the standards of the schools of nursing.

19 3. The promotion of educational and professional standards
20 of nurses in this state.

21 4. The collection, analysis, and dissemination of nursing
22 workforce data.

23 Sec. 9. Section 152.5, subsections 1 and 2, Code 2014, are
24 amended to read as follows:

25 1. All programs preparing a person to be a registered nurse,
26 ~~or~~ a licensed practical nurse, or an advanced registered nurse
27 practitioner shall be approved by the board. The board shall
28 not recognize a program unless it:

29 a. Is of recognized standing.

30 b. Has provisions for adequate physical and clinical
31 facilities and other resources with which to conduct a sound
32 education program.

33 c. Requires, for graduation of a registered nurse applicant,
34 the completion of at least a two academic year course of study.

35 d. Requires, for graduation of a licensed practical nurse

1 applicant, the completion of at least a one academic year
2 course of study as prescribed by the board.

3 e. Requires, for graduation of an advanced registered nurse
4 practitioner, satisfactory completion of a formal advanced
5 practice educational program of study in a nursing specialty
6 area approved by the board and appropriate clinical experience
7 as approved by the board.

8 2. All ~~advanced~~ postlicensure formal academic nursing
9 education programs shall also be approved by the board.

10 Sec. 10. Section 152.5, subsection 3, Code 2014, is amended
11 by striking the subsection.

12 Sec. 11. NEW SECTION. **152.5A Student record checks.**

13 1. For the purposes of this section:

14 a. "*Nursing program*" means a nursing program that is
15 approved by the board pursuant to section 152.5.

16 b. "*Student*" means a person applying for, enrolled in, or
17 returning to the clinical education component of a nursing
18 program.

19 2. All nursing programs shall conduct record checks on
20 students as provided in this section.

21 3. A nursing program may access the single contact
22 repository established pursuant to section 135C.33 as necessary
23 for the nursing program to initiate record checks of students.

24 4. A nursing program shall request that the department
25 of public safety perform a criminal history check and the
26 department of human services perform child and dependent adult
27 abuse record checks in this state on the nursing program's
28 students.

29 5. If a student has a criminal record or a record of founded
30 child or dependent adult abuse, upon request of the nursing
31 program, the department of human services shall perform an
32 evaluation to determine whether the record warrants prohibition
33 of the person's involvement in a clinical education component
34 of a nursing program involving children or dependent adults.
35 The department of human services shall utilize the criteria

1 provided in section 135C.33 in performing the evaluation and
2 shall report the results of the evaluation to the nursing
3 program. The department of human services has final authority
4 in determining whether prohibition of the person's involvement
5 in a clinical education component is warranted.

6 Sec. 12. Section 152.6, Code 2014, is amended to read as
7 follows:

8 **152.6 Licenses — professional abbreviations.**

9 The board may license a natural person to practice as a
10 registered nurse, ~~or as a licensed practical nurse, or an~~
11 advanced registered nurse practitioner. However, only a person
12 currently licensed as a registered nurse in this state may
13 use that title and the ~~abbreviation "RN"~~ letters "R.N." after
14 the person's name; ~~and only a person currently licensed as a~~
15 ~~licensed practical nurse in this state may use that title and~~
16 ~~the abbreviation "LPN"~~ letters "L.P.N." after the person's
17 name; ~~and only a person currently licensed as an advanced~~
18 registered nurse practitioner may use that title and the
19 letters "A.R.N.P." after the person's name. For purposes of
20 this section, "currently licensed" includes persons licensed
21 in another state and recognized for licensure in this state
22 pursuant to the nurse licensure compact contained in section
23 152E.1 or pursuant to the advanced practice registered nurse
24 compact contained in section 152E.3.

25 Sec. 13. Section 152.7, Code 2014, is amended by adding the
26 following new subsection:

27 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. An applicant to be licensed as an
28 advanced registered nurse practitioner shall have the following
29 qualifications:

30 a. Hold a current license as a registered nurse pursuant to
31 this chapter.

32 b. Complete an advanced practice educational program as set
33 out in section 152.5.

34 c. Hold an advanced level certification by an appropriate
35 national certifying body.

1 Sec. 14. Section 152.10, subsection 2, paragraph d, Code
2 2014, is amended to read as follows:

3 ~~d. (1) Having a license to practice nursing as a registered~~
4 ~~nurse or licensed practical nurse~~ revoked or suspended, or
5 having other disciplinary action taken by a licensing authority
6 of another state, territory, or country. A certified copy of
7 the record or order of suspension, revocation, or disciplinary
8 action is prima facie evidence of such fact.

9 (2) Having a license to practice nursing ~~as a registered~~
10 ~~nurse or licensed practical nurse~~ revoked or suspended,
11 or having other disciplinary action taken, by a licensing
12 authority in another state which has adopted the nurse
13 licensure compact contained in section 152E.1 or the advanced
14 practice registered nurse compact contained in section 152E.3
15 and which has communicated information relating to such
16 action pursuant to the coordinated licensure information
17 system established by the compact. If the action taken by
18 the licensing authority occurs in a jurisdiction which does
19 not afford the procedural protections of chapter 17A, the
20 licensee may object to the communicated information and shall
21 be afforded the procedural protections of chapter 17A.

22 Sec. 15. Section 152.10, subsection 2, paragraph h,
23 subparagraph (2), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

24 (2) The board may, upon probable cause, request a licensee
25 to submit to an appropriate medical examination by a designated
26 physician. If requested by the licensee, the licensee may also
27 designate a physician for an independent medical examination.
28 ~~The reasonable costs of such examinations and medical reports~~
29 ~~to the board shall be paid by the board.~~ Refusal or failure
30 of a licensee to complete such examinations shall constitute
31 an admission of any allegations relating to such condition.
32 All objections shall be waived as to the admissibility of the
33 examining physicians' testimony or examination reports on the
34 grounds that they constitute privileged communication. The
35 medical testimony or examination reports shall not be used

1 against a ~~registered nurse or licensed practical nurse~~ licensee
2 in another proceeding and shall be confidential. At reasonable
3 intervals, a ~~registered nurse or licensed practical nurse~~
4 licensee shall be afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that
5 the ~~registered nurse or licensed practical nurse~~ licensee can
6 resume the competent practice of nursing with reasonable skill
7 and safety to patients.

8 Sec. 16. Section 152.11, Code 2014, is amended to read as
9 follows:

10 **152.11 Investigators ~~for nurses~~.**

11 The board of nursing may appoint investigators, who shall
12 not be members of the board, to administer and aid in the
13 enforcement of the provisions of law related to those licensed
14 to practice nursing. The amount of compensation for the
15 investigators shall be determined pursuant to chapter 8A,
16 subchapter IV. Investigators authorized by the board of nursing
17 have the powers and status of peace officers when enforcing
18 this chapter and chapters 147 and 272C.

19 Sec. 17. Section 225C.6, subsection 4, paragraph c,
20 subparagraph (1), Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

21 (1) A comprehensive set of wraparound services for persons
22 who have had or are at imminent risk of having acute or
23 crisis mental health symptoms that do not permit the persons
24 to remain in or threatens removal of the persons from their
25 home and community, but who have been determined by a mental
26 health professional and a licensed health care professional,
27 subject to the professional's scope of practice, not to need
28 inpatient acute hospital services. For the purposes of this
29 subparagraph, "*mental health professional*" means the same as
30 defined in section 228.1 and "*licensed health care professional*"
31 means a person licensed under chapter 148 to practice medicine
32 and surgery or osteopathic medicine and surgery, an advanced
33 registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 152 or
34 152E and ~~registered with~~ licensed by the board of nursing, or a
35 physician assistant licensed to practice under the supervision

1 of a physician as authorized in chapters 147 and 148C.

2 Sec. 18. Section 228.1, subsection 6, paragraph b, Code
3 2014, is amended to read as follows:

4 b. The individual holds a current Iowa license if
5 practicing in a field covered by an Iowa licensure law and
6 is a psychiatrist, an advanced registered nurse practitioner
7 who holds a national certification in psychiatric mental
8 health care ~~registered by the board of nursing and who is~~
9 licensed by the board of nursing as an advanced registered
10 nurse practitioner, a physician assistant practicing under the
11 supervision of a psychiatrist, or an individual who holds a
12 doctorate degree in psychology and is licensed by the board of
13 psychology.

14 Sec. 19. Section 229.1, subsection 13, Code 2014, is amended
15 to read as follows:

16 13. "*Psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner*"
17 means an individual currently licensed as a registered nurse
18 under chapter 152 or 152E who holds a national certification
19 in psychiatric mental health care and who is ~~registered with~~
20 licensed by the board of nursing as an advanced registered
21 nurse practitioner.

22 Sec. 20. Section 231B.21, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
23 2014, is amended to read as follows:

24 a. If administration of medications is delegated to
25 the elder group home by the tenant or tenant's legal
26 representative, the medications shall be administered by
27 a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or advanced
28 registered nurse practitioner licensed ~~or registered~~ in Iowa
29 or by the individual to whom such licensed ~~or registered~~
30 individuals may properly delegate administration of
31 medications.

32 Sec. 21. Section 231C.16A, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
33 2014, is amended to read as follows:

34 a. If administration of medications is delegated to the
35 program by the tenant or tenant's legal representative,

1 the medications shall be administered by a registered
2 nurse, licensed practical nurse, or advanced registered
3 nurse practitioner licensed ~~or registered~~ in Iowa or by the
4 individual to whom such licensed ~~or registered~~ individuals may
5 properly delegate administration of medications.

6 Sec. 22. Section 231D.13A, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
7 2014, is amended to read as follows:

8 a. If administration of medications is delegated to
9 the program by the participant or the participant's legal
10 representative, the medications shall be administered by
11 a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or advanced
12 registered nurse practitioner licensed ~~or registered~~ in Iowa
13 or by the individual to whom such licensed ~~or registered~~
14 individuals may properly delegate administration of
15 medications.

16 Sec. 23. Section 321.34, subsection 14, Code 2014, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 14. *Persons with disabilities special plates.* An owner
19 referred to in subsection 12 or an owner of a trailer used
20 to transport a wheelchair who is a person with a disability,
21 or who is the parent or guardian of a child who resides
22 with the parent or guardian owner and who is a person with a
23 disability, as defined in section 321L.1, may, upon written
24 application to the department, order special registration
25 plates with a persons with disabilities processed emblem
26 designed by the department bearing the international symbol
27 of accessibility. The special registration plates with a
28 persons with disabilities processed emblem shall only be
29 issued if the application is accompanied with a statement from
30 a physician licensed under chapter 148 or 149, a physician
31 assistant licensed under chapter 148C, an advanced registered
32 nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 152 or 152E, or
33 a chiropractor licensed under chapter 151, written on the
34 physician's, physician assistant's, nurse practitioner's,
35 or chiropractor's stationery, stating the nature of the

1 applicant's or the applicant's child's disability and such
2 additional information as required by rules adopted by the
3 department, including proof of residency of a child who is
4 a person with a disability. If the application is approved
5 by the department, the special registration plates with a
6 persons with disabilities processed emblem shall be issued
7 to the applicant. There shall be no fee in addition to the
8 regular annual registration fee for the special registration
9 plates with a persons with disabilities processed emblem. The
10 authorization for special registration plates with a persons
11 with disabilities processed emblem shall not be renewed
12 without the applicant furnishing evidence to the department
13 that the owner of the vehicle or the owner's child is still
14 a person with a disability as defined in section 321L.1. An
15 owner who has a child who is a person with a disability shall
16 provide satisfactory evidence to the department that the
17 child with a disability continues to reside with the owner.
18 The registration plates with a persons with disabilities
19 processed emblem shall be surrendered in exchange for regular
20 registration plates as provided in subsection 12 when the owner
21 of the vehicle or the owner's child no longer qualifies as a
22 person with a disability as defined in section 321L.1 or when
23 the owner's child who is a person with a disability no longer
24 resides with the owner.

25 Sec. 24. Section 321.186, subsection 4, Code 2014, is
26 amended to read as follows:

27 4. A physician licensed under chapter 148, an advanced
28 registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 152 and
29 ~~registered with the board of nursing or 152E~~, a physician
30 assistant licensed under chapter 148C, or an optometrist
31 licensed under chapter 154 may report to the department
32 the identity of a person who has been diagnosed as having a
33 physical or mental condition which would render the person
34 physically or mentally incompetent to operate a motor vehicle
35 in a safe manner. The physician, advanced registered nurse

1 practitioner, physician assistant, or optometrist shall make
2 reasonable efforts to notify the person who is the subject of
3 the report, in writing. The written notification shall state
4 the nature of the disclosure and the reason for the disclosure.
5 A physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner, physician
6 assistant, or optometrist making a report under this section
7 shall be immune from any liability, civil or criminal, which
8 might otherwise be incurred or imposed as a result of the
9 report. A physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner,
10 physician assistant, or optometrist has no duty to make a
11 report or to warn third parties with regard to any knowledge
12 concerning a person's mental or physical competency to operate
13 a motor vehicle in a safe manner. Any report received by
14 the department from a physician, advanced registered nurse
15 practitioner, physician assistant, or optometrist under this
16 section shall be kept confidential. Information regulated by
17 chapter 141A shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions
18 and remedies of that chapter.

19 Sec. 25. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph
20 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as follows:

21 A resident of the state with a disability desiring a persons
22 with disabilities parking permit shall apply to the department
23 upon an application form furnished by the department providing
24 the applicant's full legal name, address, date of birth, and
25 social security number or Iowa driver's license number or
26 Iowa nonoperator's identification card number, and shall also
27 provide a statement from a physician licensed under chapter
28 148 or 149, a physician assistant licensed under chapter 148C,
29 an advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed under
30 chapter 152 or 152E, or a chiropractor licensed under chapter
31 151, or a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner,
32 or chiropractor licensed to practice in a contiguous state,
33 written on the physician's, physician assistant's, nurse
34 practitioner's, or chiropractor's stationery, stating the
35 nature of the applicant's disability and such additional

1 information as required by rules adopted by the department
2 under section 321L.8. If the person is applying for a
3 temporary persons with disabilities parking permit, the
4 physician's, physician assistant's, nurse practitioner's, or
5 chiropractor's statement shall state the period of time during
6 which the person is expected to be disabled and the period
7 of time for which the permit should be issued, not to exceed
8 six months. The department may waive the requirement that
9 the applicant furnish the applicant's social security number,
10 Iowa driver's license number, or nonoperator's identification
11 card number when the application for a temporary persons with
12 disabilities parking permit is made on behalf of a person who
13 is less than one year old.

14 Sec. 26. Section 514C.11, Code 2014, is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 **514C.11 Services provided by licensed physician assistants**
17 **and licensed advanced registered nurse practitioners.**

18 Notwithstanding section 514C.6, a policy or contract
19 providing for third-party payment or prepayment of health or
20 medical expenses shall include a provision for the payment
21 of necessary medical or surgical care and treatment provided
22 by a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 148C,
23 or provided by an advanced registered nurse practitioner
24 licensed pursuant to chapter 152 or 152E and performed within
25 the scope of the license of the licensed physician assistant
26 or the licensed advanced registered nurse practitioner if the
27 policy or contract would pay for the care and treatment if
28 the care and treatment were provided by a person engaged in
29 the practice of medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine
30 and surgery under chapter 148. The policy or contract shall
31 provide that policyholders and subscribers under the policy
32 or contract may reject the coverage for services which may
33 be provided by a licensed physician assistant or licensed
34 advanced registered nurse practitioner if the coverage is
35 rejected for all providers of similar services. A policy or

1 contract subject to this section shall not impose a practice
2 or supervision restriction which is inconsistent with or more
3 restrictive than the restriction already imposed by law. This
4 section applies to services provided under a policy or contract
5 delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed in this
6 state on or after July 1, 1996, and to an existing policy or
7 contract, on the policy's or contract's anniversary or renewal
8 date, or upon the expiration of the applicable collective
9 bargaining contract, if any, whichever is later. This section
10 does not apply to policyholders or subscribers eligible for
11 coverage under Tit. XVIII of the federal Social Security Act
12 or any similar coverage under a state or federal government
13 plan. For the purposes of this section, third-party payment
14 or prepayment includes an individual or group policy of
15 accident or health insurance or individual or group hospital
16 or health care service contract issued pursuant to chapter
17 509, 514, or 514A, an individual or group health maintenance
18 organization contract issued and regulated under chapter 514B,
19 an organized delivery system contract regulated under rules
20 adopted by the director of public health, or a preferred
21 provider organization contract regulated pursuant to chapter
22 514F. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require
23 an individual or group health maintenance organization, an
24 organized delivery system, or a preferred provider organization
25 or arrangement to provide payment or prepayment for services
26 provided by a licensed physician assistant or licensed advanced
27 registered nurse practitioner unless the physician assistant's
28 supervising physician, the physician-physician assistant team,
29 the advanced registered nurse practitioner, or the advanced
30 registered nurse practitioner's collaborating physician has
31 entered into a contract or other agreement to provide services
32 with the individual or group health maintenance organization,
33 the organized delivery system, or the preferred provider
34 organization or arrangement.

35 Sec. 27. Section 514C.13, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code

1 2014, is amended to read as follows:

2 c. *"Health care provider"* means a hospital licensed
3 pursuant to chapter 135B, a person licensed under chapter 148,
4 148C, 149, 151, or 154, or a person licensed as an advanced
5 registered nurse practitioner under chapter 152 or 152E.

6 Sec. 28. Section 514F.6, subsection 2, paragraph a, Code
7 2014, is amended to read as follows:

8 a. *"Advanced registered nurse practitioner"* means a licensed
9 an advanced registered nurse who is also registered to practice
10 in an advanced role practitioner licensed under chapter 152 or
11 152E.

12 Sec. 29. TRANSITION PROVISIONS — CONTINUING VALIDITY OF
13 REGISTRATIONS. A registration as an advanced registered nurse
14 practitioner issued prior to July 1, 2014, remains valid until
15 its expiration. A renewal shall be by license as provided in
16 this Act.

EXPLANATION

18 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
19 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

20 This bill contains various revisions to Code provisions
21 relating to the practice of nursing. The bill requires
22 advanced registered nurse practitioners to be licensed by the
23 board of nursing rather than registered, and authorizes the
24 professional abbreviation "A.R.N.P."

25 Current Code language authorizes licensed practical nurses
26 and registered nurses to perform acts or nursing specialties
27 which are recognized by the medical and nursing professions
28 and are approved by the board. The bill eliminates this
29 provision and provides that the regulation of nursing is the
30 authority and responsibility of the board to determine which
31 acts or specialties may be performed by a nurse, commensurate
32 with the nurse's education, continuing education, demonstrated
33 competencies and experience.

34 The bill specifies the purposes for which licensing fees
35 which are treated as return receipts may be used by the board.

1 The bill separates the provision on education programs and
2 student records into two Code sections.

3 Currently, the board of nursing may request a nurse who is
4 a licensee to submit to an appropriate medical examination.

5 The bill eliminates the requirement that the board pay the
6 reasonable costs for such examinations and medical reports.