

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

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the use of professional titles or  
2 abbreviations by advanced registered nurse practitioners.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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

3 21. A registered nurse licensed under chapter 152 may use  
4 the words "registered nurse" or the letters "R.N." after the  
5 person's name. A licensed practical nurse licensed under  
6 chapter 152 may use the words "licensed practical nurse" or  
7 the letters "L.P.N." after the person's name. An advanced  
8 registered nurse practitioner licensed under chapter 152 or  
9 152E may use the words "advanced registered nurse practitioner"  
10 or the letters "A.R.N.P." after the person's name.

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

13 **152.6 Licenses — professional abbreviations.**

14 The board may license a natural person to practice as a  
15 registered nurse or as a licensed practical nurse. However,  
16 only a person currently licensed as a registered nurse in this  
17 state may use that title and the ~~abbreviation "RN"~~ letters  
18 "R.N." after the person's name; ~~and~~ only a person currently  
19 licensed as a licensed practical nurse in this state may use  
20 that title and the ~~abbreviation "LPN"~~ letters "L.P.N." after  
21 the person's name; and only a person currently licensed as an  
22 advanced registered nurse practitioner may use that title and  
23 the letters "A.R.N.P." after the person's name. For purposes  
24 of this section, "currently licensed" includes persons licensed  
25 in another state and recognized for licensure in this state  
26 pursuant to the nurse licensure compact contained in section  
27 152E.1 or pursuant to the advanced practice registered nurse  
28 compact contained in section 152E.3.

29 EXPLANATION

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

32 This bill authorizes the use of the professional title  
33 and the abbreviation "A.R.N.P." by advanced registered nurse  
34 practitioners.