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## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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March 26, 2014

The Honorable Matt Schultz Secretary of State of Iowa State Capitol Building LOCAL

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I hereby transmit:

Senate File 2120, an Act relating to the use of professional titles or abbreviations by advanced registered nurse practitioners.

The above Senate File is hereby approved this date.

Sincerely,

Terry E. Branstad

Governor

cc: Secretary of the Senate

Clerk of the House



Senate File 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

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152E.1 or pursuant to the advanced practice registered nurse compact contained in section 152E.3.

PAM JOCHUM

President of the Senate

KRAIG PAULSEN

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the Senate and is known as Senate File 2120, Eighty-fifth General Assembly.

MICHAEL E. MARSHALL

Secretary of the Senate

Approved Manch 26, 2014

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Governor