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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN

RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 70)

# A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to certain health-related professions by making
- 2 changes to licensure identification and display requirements
- 3 and professional title and abbreviation restrictions and
- 4 making penalties applicable.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 147.72, Code 2013, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 147.72 Professional titles and abbreviations.
- 4 1. a. Any person licensed to practice a profession under
- 5 this subtitle may append to the person's name any recognized
- 6 title or abbreviation, which the person is entitled to use,
- 7 to designate the person's particular profession, but no other
- 8 person shall assume or use such title or abbreviation, and no
- 9 licensee shall advertise in such a manner as to lead the public
- 10 to believe that the licensee is engaged in the practice of any
- ll other profession than the one which the licensee is licensed
- 12 to practice.
- 13 b. Any advertisement for services provided by a person
- 14 licensed to practice a profession under this subtitle shall
- 15 clearly identify the license held by the person advertising or
- 16 providing services, consistent with this subtitle.
- 2. A board shall require any person licensed to practice a
- 18 profession identified under section 147.74 to do the following
- 19 when directly engaging a member of the public in a health care
- 20 clinic or hospital in the practice of the person's profession:
- 21 a. Wear a form of identification consistent with rules
- 22 promulgated by the department in collaboration with each
- 23 applicable board, unless wearing identification creates a
- 24 safety or health risk, or in situations when the licensee is
- 25 voluntarily and gratuitously responding to a need for medical
- 26 care created by an emergency or a state or local disaster.
- 27 The rules shall establish uniform minimum standards for
- 28 identification. Minimum standards shall include prominent
- 29 display of the professional title and abbreviation of the
- 30 licensee as set forth in section 147.74.
- 31 b. If wearing identification creates a safety or health
- 32 risk, or in situations when the licensee is voluntarily and
- 33 gratuitously responding to a need for medical care created by
- 34 an emergency or a state or local disaster, the licensee shall
- 35 verbally disclose the license the licensee holds.

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- 3. Persons licensed pursuant to section 148.5 shall
- 2 also comply with the requirements of subsection 2 of this
- 3 section consistent with rules promulgated by the department in
- 4 collaboration with the board of medicine.
- 5 4. Failure of a licensee to comply with the requirements
- 6 set forth in subsection 2 and the rules adopted thereunder may
- 7 constitute a basis for board action against the licensee.
- 8 Sec. 2. Section 147.74, subsection 21, Code 2013, is amended
- 9 to read as follows:
- 10 21. An advanced registered nurse practitioner practicing
- 11 pursuant to rules promulgated by the board and licensed as a
- 12 registered nurse under chapter 152 may use the words "advanced
- 13 registered nurse practitioner" or the letters "A.R.N.P." after
- 14 the person's name. A registered nurse licensed under chapter
- 15 152 may use the words "registered nurse" or the letters "R.N."
- 16 after the person's name. A licensed practical nurse licensed
- 17 under chapter 152 may use the words "licensed practical nurse"
- 18 or the letters "L.P.N." after the person's name.
- 19 EXPLANATION
- 20 This bill makes changes relating to licensure identification
- 21 and display and to professional title and abbreviation
- 22 restrictions for certain health-related professions.
- 23 The bill requires that any advertisement for services
- 24 provided by a person licensed in a health-related profession
- 25 clearly identify the license held by the person advertising or
- 26 providing services.
- 27 The bill requires persons licensed in health-related
- 28 professions whose professional title and abbreviation
- 29 is designated by Code section 147.74 to wear a form of
- 30 identification consistent with rules promulgated by the
- 31 department of public health, in collaboration with the
- 32 applicable licensing board, unless wearing the identification
- 33 creates a safety or health risk or if the person is responding
- 34 to an emergency or disaster. The bill also provides that this
- 35 requirement applies to resident physicians licensed under Code

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- 1 section 148.5.
- 2 The bill also authorizes an advanced registered nurse
- 3 practitioner to use the words "advanced registered nurse
- 4 practitioner" or the acronym "A.R.N.P.". Current law provides
- 5 that a person who fails to properly use the designations
- 6 specified in statute is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. A
- 7 simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more
- 8 than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than \$625
- 9 or both.