

SENATE BILL NO. 2304

Introduced by

Senators Wogsland, O'Connell

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 43-12.1-02 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to educational requirements for nurses.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-12.1-02 of the 1995 Supplement to the North
5 Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **43-12.1-02. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context or subject matter otherwise
7 requires:

- 8 1. "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a person who holds a current license
9 to practice in this state as an advanced practice registered nurse and either has a
10 graduate degree with a nursing focus or has completed the educational
11 requirements in effect when the person was initially licensed.
- 12 2. "Board" means the North Dakota board of nursing.
- 13 3. "Licensed practical nurse" means a person who has successfully completed the
14 national council licensure examination for licensed practical nurses and holds a
15 current license to practice in this state as a licensed practical nurse ~~and either has~~
16 ~~an associate degree with a major in nursing or has completed the educational~~
17 ~~requirements in effect when the person was initially licensed.~~
- 18 4. "Nurse" means any person currently licensed as an advanced practice registered
19 nurse, registered nurse, or licensed practical nurse.
- 20 5. "Nurse assistant" means a person who is authorized by the board to perform
21 nursing tasks delegated and supervised by a licensed nurse.
- 22 6. "Nursing" means the performance of acts utilizing specialized knowledge, skills,
23 and abilities for people in a variety of settings. Nursing includes the following acts,

which may not be deemed to include acts of medical diagnosis or treatment or the practice of medicine as defined in chapter 43-17:

- a. The maintenance of health and prevention of illness.
- b. Diagnosing human responses to actual or potential health problems.
- c. Providing supportive and restorative care and nursing treatment, medication administration, health counseling and teaching, case finding and referral of persons who are ill, injured, or experiencing changes in the normal health processes.
- d. Administration, teaching, supervision, delegation, and evaluation of health and nursing practices.
- e. Collaboration with other health care professionals in the implementation of the total health care regimen and execution of the health care regimen prescribed by a health care practitioner licensed under title 43.

7. "Prescriptive practices" means assessing the need for drugs, immunizing agents, or devices and writing a prescription to be filled by a licensed pharmacist.
8. "Registered nurse" means a person who has successfully completed the national council licensure examination for registered nurses and holds a current license to practice in this state as a registered nurse ~~and either has a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing or has completed the educational requirements in effect when the person was initially licensed.~~