

SENATE BILL NO. 2241

Introduced by

Senators Solberg, Bowman, Tallackson

Representatives Eckre, Froseth, Nelson

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 1999 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~~ an individual who holds a
9 current license to practice in this state as an advanced practice registered nurse
10 and either has a graduate degree with a nursing focus or ~~has~~ completed the
11 educational requirements in effect when the ~~person~~ individual was initially licensed.
- 12 2. "Board" means the North Dakota board of nursing.
- 13 3. "Licensed practical nurse" means ~~a person~~ an individual who holds a current
14 license to practice in this state as a licensed practical nurse and either has ~~an~~
15 ~~associate degree with a major in nursing~~ graduated from an approved vocational
16 practical nursing education program that is authorized to prepare students for
17 licensure as practical nurses or has completed the educational requirements in
18 effect when the ~~person~~ individual was initially licensed.
- 19 4. "Nurse" means any ~~person~~ individual currently licensed as an advanced practice
20 registered nurse, a registered nurse, or a licensed practical nurse.
- 21 5. "Nurse assistant" means ~~a person~~ an individual who is authorized by the board to
22 perform nursing tasks delegated and supervised by a licensed nurse.
- 23 6. "Nursing" means the performance of acts utilizing specialized knowledge, skills,
24 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~~ individuals 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~~ an individual who holds a current license to practice in this state as a registered nurse and ~~either has a baccalaureate~~ an associate degree with a major in nursing, a three-year diploma from an approved nursing school program, or has completed the educational requirements in effect when the ~~person~~ individual was initially licensed.