

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1020

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1
2 RELATING TO NURSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-1404, IDAHO CODE, TO INCREASE A CER-
3 TAIN FINE MAXIMUM, TO REVISE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE VIOLATIONS FOR
4 WHICH SUCH FINE MAY BE ASSESSED, TO CORRECT A CODIFIER'S ERROR AND TO
5 MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1404, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 54-1404. BOARD OF NURSING -- POWERS AND DUTIES. The board shall have
10 all powers and duties necessary and incident to regulation of nursing and
11 to enforcement of this chapter including, but not limited to, the power and
12 duty:

13 (1) To regulate individuals designated as certified medication assis-
14 tants-;

15 (2) To license qualified persons for practice of nursing in Idaho; to
16 renew licenses; to limit, restrict, amend, deny, suspend or revoke licenses;
17 and to accept the voluntary surrender of a license;

18 (3) To establish alternatives to formal disciplinary action including
19 a practice remediation program to educate and remediate nurses as a result of
20 nursing practice deficiencies;

21 (4) To establish standards, criteria, conditions and requirements for
22 licensure and to investigate and determine eligibility and qualifications
23 for licensure, and to administer examinations for licensure;

24 (5) To establish standards of conduct and practice and to regulate the
25 use of titles, abbreviations and designations for the practice of nursing;

26 (6) To establish standards, criteria, and requirements for curricula
27 for nursing education programs and to evaluate, survey, review and approve
28 nursing education programs subject to the provisions of section 54-1406,
29 Idaho Code;

30 (7) To evaluate continuing competency of persons licensed pursuant to
31 this chapter and to develop standards which will advance the competency of
32 licensees in accordance with developing scientific understanding and meth-
33 ods relating to the practice of nursing;

34 (8) To receive and collect license and renewal fees assessed pursuant
35 to this chapter and to assess, receive and collect additional reasonable
36 fees for the administration of examinations, investigations and evaluations
37 of applicants, issuance of temporary licenses, duplication and verification
38 of records, surveying and evaluating nursing education programs, and admin-
39 istrative fines not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each
40 count or separate offense of practicing nursing without current licensure
41 any violation of this chapter or the rules promulgated by the board, to be

1 deposited in the state board of nursing account in the manner provided by
2 this chapter;

3 (9) To employ personnel necessary to administer this chapter and rules
4 promulgated pursuant to this chapter and perform such other duties as the
5 board may require. Such personnel shall include an executive director, who
6 shall be currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Idaho and
7 who shall not be a member of the board;

8 (10) To maintain a record of board proceedings, annually report to the
9 governor and maintain a public register of names and addresses of licensed
10 nurses;

11 (11) To enter into interstate compacts, contracts or agreements to fa-
12 cilitate the practice and regulation of nursing in this state;

13 (1~~1~~2) To evaluate and develop, or to enter into contracts or agreements
14 with others to evaluate and develop, the education, distribution and avail-
15 ability of the nursing workforce for the purpose of improving the delivery of
16 quality health care;

17 (1~~2~~3) To make, adopt and publish rules pursuant to chapter 52, title 67,
18 Idaho Code, as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions
19 and purposes of this chapter.