

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, January 16, 2013

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood(27), Vice Chairman Perry, Representatives Hancey, Henderson, Hixon, Malek, Morse, Romrell, Vander Woude, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** Representative(s) Malek

GUESTS: Sandra Evans, Board of Nursing; Holly Koole, Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association; Mark Johnston, Board of Pharmacy; Ed Hawley, Department of Administration; Lyn Darrington, Idaho Resident; Brody Aston, Lobby Idaho; Elizabeth Criner, Pfizer / Idaho State Dental Association.

Chairman Wood(27) called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Perry** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2013, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 23-0101-1201: **Sandra Evans**, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, presented **Docket No. 23-0101-1201**, legislation that aligns definitions and practice descriptions. It also provides the licensure and titles requirements that finalize a national model that standardizes regulation for advanced practice registered nurses.

Responding to questions, **Ms. Evans** stated that previous legislation allows authorized prescriptions to clients without a nurse-patient relationship when it is to the public benefit, such as during an epidemic, and rule changes have allowed for this exception.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Hixon** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 23-0101-1201**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

DOCKET NO. 23-0101-1202: **Sandra Evans** presented **Docket No. 23-0101-1202**, which corrects inaccurate citations, removes unnecessary language, simplifies wording for clarity, and incorporates United States (U.S.) territorial and state Boards of Nursing agreed upon international nurse licensure requirements.

Ms. Evans stated, in answer to committee questions, that the state or territory base for jurisdiction covers all areas of the U.S., such as the commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Standards for international applicants deal with issues of academic credential equivalency, English proficiency, disciplinary and criminal background review, and the endorsement of an active license.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Morse** made a motion to approve **Docket No. 23-0101-1202**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21604: **Mark Johnston**, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, presented **RS 21604**, legislation that clarifies that Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) data for controlled substances can be shared between pharmacists and prescribers on the PMP report. The Board is also working on an E-mail link for certain PMP data availability to other prescribers or pharmacists.

Responding to questions, **Mr. Johnston** explained that no additional funding is required for the E-mail link program since they are using an existing employee and have grant funding, which includes operational expenses.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to introduce **RS 21604. Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21637: **Mark Johnston**, presented **RS 21637**, which expands the practice of pharmacy into Idaho and more tightly regulates nonresident drug outlets and pharmacists. This change allows Idaho registered business pharmaceutical entities housed outside the state to conduct prospective drug reviews for rural hospitals in Idaho prior to drug administration, as opposed to the current retrospective process. Tighter regulation of nonresident drug outlets is necessary for determining and addressing potential harm to Idaho citizens. Categories have been expanded to create new registration requirements and set fees for new resident drug outlets, with guidelines for the more effective regulation of pharmacies into Idaho and expanded disciplinary action to include a nonresident drug outlet. Additional changes update terminology, definitions, and releases the Board from duplicative state or federal mandates.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to introduce **RS 21637. Chairman Wood(27)** invoked Rule 38 stating a possible conflict of interest because of his affiliation with a hospital that will be impacted by this legislation. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

RS 21661: **Mark Johnston**, presented **RS 21661**, legislation that incorporates Idaho's substance schedule updates to coincide with the federal schedule and clarifies when substances are actually added to the schedule, eliminating current annual legislation updates of the substance list. Idaho-unique substances are still defined. Additional changes include an update to fines and the inclusion of depressants to listed substances for driving under the influence.

MOTION: **Rep. Rusche** made a motion to introduce **RS 21661. Motion carried by voice vote.**

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Representative Wood(27)
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary