

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1252

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO NURSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-1402, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE A DEFINITION AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 54-1402, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

54-1402. DEFINITIONS. As used in this ~~act~~ chapter:

(1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a registered nurse licensed in this state who has gained additional specialized knowledge, skills and experience through a program of study recognized or defined by the board. An advanced practice registered nurse is authorized to perform advanced nursing practice, which may include the prescribing, administering and dispensing of therapeutic pharmacologic agents, as defined by board rules. An advanced practice registered nurse shall perform only those acts as provided by the board and for which the individual is educationally prepared. Advanced practice registered nurses shall include the following four (4) roles: certified nurse-midwife; clinical nurse specialist; certified nurse practitioner; and certified registered nurse anesthetist as defined in board rule. An advanced practice registered nurse collaborates with other health professionals in providing health care.

(2) "Board" means the board of nursing.

(3) "Licensed practical nurse" means a person licensed by the board who practices nursing by:

(a) Functioning at the direction of a licensed registered nurse, licensed advanced practice registered nurse, licensed physician, or licensed dentist in a role falling within the nurse's scope of practice as defined by the board;

(b) Contributing to the assessment of the health status of individuals and groups of individuals;

(c) Participating in the development and modification of the strategy of care;

(d) Implementing the appropriate aspects of the strategy of care as defined by the board, including administering medications and treatments as prescribed by those health care providers authorized to prescribe medication;

(e) Maintaining safe and effective nursing care rendered directly or indirectly;

(f) Participating in the evaluation of responses to interventions; and

(g) Delegating nursing interventions that may be performed by others and that do not conflict with this ~~act~~ chapter.

(4) "Licensed registered nurse" means a person licensed by the board who practices nursing by:

- 1 (a) Assessing the health status of individuals and groups of individu-
2 als;
- 3 (b) Identifying health care problems that are amenable to nursing in-
4 tervention;
- 5 (c) Establishing goals to meet identified health care needs;
- 6 (d) Planning a strategy of care;
- 7 (e) Prescribing nursing interventions to implement the strategy of
8 care;
- 9 (f) Implementing the strategy of care, including administering medi-
10 cations and treatments as prescribed by those health care providers au-
11 thorized to prescribe medication;
- 12 (g) Authorizing nursing interventions that may be performed by others
13 and that do not conflict with this ~~act~~ chapter;
- 14 (h) Maintaining safe and effective nursing care rendered directly or
15 indirectly;
- 16 (i) Evaluating responses to interventions;
- 17 (j) Teaching the theory and practice of nursing;
- 18 (k) Managing the practice of nursing; and
- 19 (l) Collaborating with other health professionals in the management of
20 health care.
- 21 (5) "Nursing education program" means a course of instruction offered
22 and conducted to prepare persons for the practice of nursing, or to increase
23 the knowledge and skills of the practicing nurse.
- 24 (6) "Practice of nursing" means assisting the autonomous and collab-
25 orative performance of acts and services requiring specialized knowledge,
26 judgment and skill that assist individuals, or groups, of individuals
27 communities or populations to promote, maintain or restore optimal health
28 and well-being throughout the life process by assessing and evaluating their
29 health status, planning and implementing a strategy of care to accomplish
30 defined goals, and evaluating responses to care and treatment. Nursing
31 practice encompasses a broad continuum of services delivered in, but not
32 limited to, areas of clinical practice, education, administration, re-
33 search, and public and volunteer service. Nursing practice occurs at the
34 physical location of the recipient.