

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 1408

House of Representatives, December 21, 2007

### **An Act To Clarify the Licensure of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses**

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 203.

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 19, 2007. Referred to the Committee on Business, Research and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PERRY of Calais.

Cosponsored by Representatives: FAIRCLOTH of Bangor, PRIEST of Brunswick.

1 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

2 **Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2102, sub-§4**, as amended by PL 1985, c. 724, §4, is further  
3 amended to read:

4 **4. License.** A "license" is an authorization to practice nursing as a professional nurse  
5 ~~or~~, practical nurse or advanced practice registered nurse.

6 **Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2102, sub-§5-A**, as enacted by PL 1995, c. 379, §5 and  
7 affected by §11, is amended to read:

8 **5-A. Advanced practice registered nurse.** "Advanced practice registered nurse"  
9 means an individual who is currently licensed under this chapter ~~and approved by the~~  
10 ~~board~~ to practice advanced practice registered nursing as defined in subsection 2-A.  
11 "A.P.R.N." is the abbreviation for the title of "advanced practice registered nurse." An  
12 advanced practice registered nurse may use the abbreviation "A.P.R.N." or the title or  
13 abbreviation designated by the national certifying body.

14 "Advanced practice registered nurse" includes a certified nurse practitioner, a certified  
15 nurse midwife, a certified clinical nurse specialist and a certified nurse anesthetist who  
16 are licensed under this chapter ~~and are approved by the board~~ to practice advanced  
17 practice registered nursing.

18 **SUMMARY**

19 This bill changes the language providing for authority to practice as an advanced  
20 practice registered nurse to provide a one-step licensing process rather than the two-step  
21 process currently in place.