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No. 1300

S.P. 476

In Senate, April 11, 1995

An Act Concerning the Practice of Professional Nursing.

Reference to the Committee on Business and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "May M. Ross".

MAY M. ROSS
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator PENDEXTER of Cumberland.
Cosponsored by Senator: AMERO of Cumberland, Representatives: BAILEY of Township
27, REED of Dexter.

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

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Sec. 1. 32 MRSA §2102, sub-§2, ¶B, as amended by PL 1993, c. 600, Pt. A, §110, is further amended to read:

B. Medical diagnosis or prescription of therapeutic or corrective measures when those services are ~~delegated--by~~ performed in collaboration with a licensed physician ~~to-a by~~ an advanced practice registered nurse who has completed the necessary additional educational program required for the proper performance of those services and whose credentials ~~must-be~~ have been approved by the board.

The board may adopt, pursuant to Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter II, rules defining the appropriate scope of practice for nurses practicing under this paragraph. The rules must also define the appropriate relationship with the physician. In adopting the rules, the board shall invite comment from the Board of Licensure in Medicine;

Sec. 2. 32 MRSA §2102, sub-§§10 and 11 are enacted to read:

10. Collaboration. "Collaboration" means a process and relationship in which an advanced practice registered nurse works with a physician or physicians and may work with other health professionals to deliver health care within the scope of the various professionals' expertise and lawful practice. "Collaboration" means the mutually developed and agreed upon relationship with a physician and other health professionals that is required whenever an advanced practice registered nurse performs an act that is outside the scope of professional nursing.

11. Advanced practice registered nurse. "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a registered professional nurse who, on the basis of advanced, specialized education and certification credentials, is prepared to provide health care services. The practice of an advanced practice registered nurse builds on previous knowledge and skill and utilizes in-depth knowledge of physical assessment and management of illnesses or conditions within the advanced practice registered nurse's area of practice. "Advanced practice registered nurse" includes a certified nurse practitioner, a certified nurse midwife, a certified clinical nurse specialist and a certified nurse anesthetist who are approved by the board.

A. An advanced practice registered nurse must:

(1) Hold a current license to practice as a registered professional nurse in this State;

2 (2) Have completed a formal education program in
4 advanced nursing or nurse midwifery, or both, in a
 speciality area of practice that is acceptable to the
 board;

6 (3) Hold a current certification credential for
8 advanced nursing practice from a national certifying
 body whose certification program is acceptable to the
 board; and

10 (4) Except for a certified clinical nurse specialist,
12 work in collaboration with a physician and may work
14 with other health care professionals to deliver health
16 care within the scope of those various professionals'
 expertise and lawful practice. Documentation of
 collaboration must be presented to the board.

18 The board shall adopt rules defining the appropriate
20 standards of practice and requirements for authorization to
 practice under this subsection.

22 A registered nurse approved and licensed to practice, in
24 accordance with section 2102, subsection 2, paragraph B,
 prior to the effective date of this subsection is deemed
26 approved as an advanced practice registered nurse.

28 B. A person who qualifies under this subsection and whose
 application for advanced practice registered nurse
30 designation has been approved by the board is designated an
 advanced practice registered nurse. "A.P.R.N." is the
32 abbreviation for the title of "advanced practice registered
 nurse." The approved applicant may use the title "A.P.R.N."
34 and the title or abbreviation designated by the national
 certifying body described in paragraph A, subparagraph (3).

36 C. Temporary approval to practice as an advanced practice
38 registered nurse may be granted by the board:

40 (1) For a period of 90 days to an applicant who is
42 currently approved to practice as an advanced practice
44 registered nurse in another jurisdiction with
 qualification requirements at least equivalent to those
 of this State; or

46 (2) To an applicant who meets the requirements of
 paragraph A, subparagraphs (1) and (2) and who
48 qualifies for and takes the next available
 certification exam.

