

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1382

BY JUDICIARY AND RULES 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 individuals or groups of in-~~
25 ~~dividuals to promote, maintain or restore optimal health throughout the life~~
26 ~~process by assessing and evaluating their health status, planning and imple-~~
27 ~~menting a strategy of care to accomplish defined goals, and evaluating re-~~
28 ~~sponses to care and treatment~~ the performance by licensed practical nurses,
29 registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses of acts and ser-
30 vices that require formal nursing education and specialized knowledge,
31 judgment and skill, which acts and services assist individuals, groups,
32 communities and populations in order to promote, maintain or restore optimal
33 health and well-being throughout the life process. Nursing practice encom-
34 passes a broad continuum of services delivered in health care and non-health
35 care environments for remuneration or as volunteer service. Nursing prac-
36 tice may be clinical as well as nonclinical in a variety of areas including,
37 but not limited to, education, administration, research and public service.
38 Nursing practice occurs at the physical location of the recipient.