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DELAWARE STATE SENATE
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SENATE BILL NO. 283
AS AMENDED BY
SENATE AMENDMENT NO. 2
AND
HOUSE AMENDMENT NO. 1

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 24 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend Chapter 17, Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 1713. Powers and duties of the Board.

(d) Continuing education.

(1) The Board shall provide by rule or regulation for continuing education for persons certified to practice medicine or other professions or occupations pursuant to this chapter.

(2) For professionals who work in adult or gerontology in a healthcare setting, the Board must require that at least one hour of continuing education in each reporting period must be on the topic of diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

Section 2. Amend Chapter 19, Title 24 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 1906. Delaware Board of Nursing — Powers and duties.

(a) The Board shall:

(1) Adopt and, from time to time, revise such rules and regulations and standards not inconsistent with the law as may be necessary to enable it to carry into effect this ~~chapter;~~ chapter.

(2) Approve curricula and develop criteria and standards for evaluating educational programs preparing persons for license under this ~~chapter;~~ chapter.

(3) Provide for surveys of such programs at such times as it may deem ~~necessary;~~ necessary.

(4) Approve such programs as meet the requirements of this chapter and of the ~~Board;~~ Board.

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(5) Deny or withdraw approval from educational programs for failure to meet approved curricula or other ~~criteria;~~ criteria.

(6) Examine, ~~license~~ license, and renew licenses of duly qualified applicants, including applicants for conducting nursing educational programs and shall also prescribe the procedures for subsequent examinations of applicants who fail an ~~examination;~~ examination.

(7) Establish categories of advanced practice registered nurses in the roles of certified nurse practitioner (CNP), certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA), certified nurse midwife (CNM), and clinical nurse specialist (CNS) and in the population foci of family/individual across the lifespan, adult-gerontology, neonatal, pediatrics, women's ~~health/gender-related~~ health/gender-related, or psychiatric/mental health. Each APRN ~~shall~~ must use the designation "APRN" plus role title as a minimum for purposes of identification and documentation. When providing nursing care, the APRN ~~shall~~ must provide clear identification that indicates ~~his or her~~ their APRN ~~designation;~~ designation.

(8) Issue a temporary permit to practice nursing to applicants who apply for licensure by endorsement and to new graduates awaiting results of the first licensing ~~examination;~~ examination.

(9) Conduct hearings upon charges calling for discipline of a licensee or revocation of a ~~license;~~ license.

(10) Have the power to issue subpoenas and compel the attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths to persons giving testimony at ~~hearings;~~ hearings.

(11) Cause the prosecution of all persons violating this chapter and have the power to incur such necessary expenses ~~therefor;~~ therefor.

(12) Keep a record of all its ~~proceedings;~~ proceedings.

(13) Make an annual report to the ~~Governor;~~ Governor.

(14) Have all of the duties, ~~powers~~ powers, and authority necessary to the enforcement of this chapter, as well as such other duties, ~~powers~~ powers, and authority as it may be granted from time to time by appropriate statute;

(15) Appoint advisory committees as the Board deems ~~desirable;~~ desirable.

(16) Maintain a system of statistics related to nursing education programs and registered nurse and licensed practical nurse licensure in the ~~State;~~ State.

(17) Participate in and pay fees to the national organization of state boards of nursing, known as the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, ~~Inc.;~~ Inc.

(18) By regulation, establish requirements for mandatory continuing ~~education;~~ education. Such

requirements must mandate that all nursing professionals who work in adult gerontology in a healthcare setting must complete at least 1 hour of continuing education in each reporting period on the topic of diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias.

(19) Administer the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse ~~Committee;~~ Committee.

(20) Have the authority to grant, restrict, ~~suspend~~ suspend, or revoke practice or prescriptive authority and be responsible for promulgating rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this chapter regarding advanced practice registered nurses who have been granted authority for independent practice or prescriptive ~~authority;~~ authority.

(21) Have the authority to limit the ability of APRNs to prescribe and order nonpharmacological interventions.

(b) The Board of Nursing shall promulgate regulations specifically identifying those crimes which are substantially related to the practice of nursing.