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By Representatives Dyer and Conway

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1            AN ACT Relating to nursing assistants; and amending RCW 18.88A.020.

2    BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

3            **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.88A.020 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 708 are each amended  
4 to read as follows:

5            Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in  
6 this section apply throughout this chapter.

7            (1) "Department" means the department of health.

8            (2) "Secretary" means the secretary of health.

9            (3) "Commission" means the Washington nursing care quality  
10 assurance commission.

11            (4) "Nursing assistant" means an individual, regardless of title,  
12 who, under the direction and supervision of a registered nurse or  
13 licensed practical nurse, assists in the delivery of nursing and  
14 nursing-related activities to patients in a health care facility. The  
15 two levels of nursing assistants are (a) "nursing assistant-certified,"  
16 an individual certified under this chapter, (b) "nursing assistant-  
17 registered," an individual registered under this chapter.

18            (5) "Approved training program" means a nursing assistant-certified  
19 training program approved by the commission. For community college,

1 vocational-technical institutes, skill centers, and secondary school as  
2 defined in chapter 28B.50 RCW, nursing assistant-certified training  
3 programs shall be approved by the commission in cooperation with the  
4 board for community and technical colleges or the superintendent of  
5 public instruction.

6 (6) "Health care facility" means a nursing home, hospital, hospice  
7 care facility, home health care agency, hospice agency, or other entity  
8 for delivery of health care services as defined by the commission.  
9 "Health care facility" does not include state hospitals designated in  
10 RCW 72.23.020, however nothing in this subsection precludes individuals  
11 employed by state hospitals from being credentialed as registered or  
12 certified nursing assistants under this chapter.

13 (7) "Competency evaluation" means the measurement of an  
14 individual's knowledge and skills as related to safe, competent  
15 performance as a nursing assistant.

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