
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5976

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By Senate Committee on Health & Long-Term Care (originally sponsored by Senators Deccio, Wojahn, Wood, Prentice, Franklin, Heavey, McAuliffe, Kline, Patterson, Thibaudeau and Kohl)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of the title of nurse as a
2 professionally licensed designation; and amending RCW 18.79.030.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.79.030 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 403 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) It is unlawful for a person to practice or to offer to practice
7 as a registered nurse in this state unless that person has been
8 licensed under this chapter. A person who holds a license to practice
9 as a registered nurse in this state may use the titles "registered
10 nurse" and "nurse" and the abbreviation "R.N." No other person may
11 assume ((that)) those titles or use the abbreviation or any other
12 words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using
13 them is a registered nurse.

14 (2) It is unlawful for a person to practice or to offer to practice
15 as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or as a nurse practitioner
16 in this state unless that person has been licensed under this chapter.
17 A person who holds a license to practice as an advanced registered
18 nurse practitioner in this state may use the titles "advanced
19 registered nurse practitioner," ((and)) "nurse practitioner," and

1 "nurse" and the abbreviations "A.R.N.P." and "N.P." No other person
2 may assume those titles or use those abbreviations or any other words,
3 letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using them is an
4 advanced registered nurse practitioner or nurse practitioner.

5 (3) It is unlawful for a person to practice or to offer to practice
6 as a licensed practical nurse in this state unless that person has been
7 licensed under this chapter. A person who holds a license to practice
8 as a licensed practical nurse in this state may use the titles
9 "licensed practical nurse" and "nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N."
10 No other person may assume (~~that~~) those titles or use that
11 abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate
12 that the person using them is a licensed practical nurse.

13 (4) Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person listed as a
14 Christian Science nurse in the Christian Science Journal published by
15 the Christian Science Publishing Society, Boston, Massachusetts, from
16 using the title "Christian Science nurse," so long as such person does
17 not hold himself or herself out as a registered nurse, advanced
18 registered nurse practitioner, nurse practitioner, or licensed
19 practical nurse, unless otherwise authorized by law to do so.

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