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SENATE BILL 5976

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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.

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