

2 **SHB 1218** - S COMM AMD

3 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

4 ADOPTED 4/8/99

5 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
6 following:

7 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** In consideration of existing
8 recommendations by the department of health with regard to nurse
9 delegation and the parameters of nursing practice, the legislature
10 finds that the provisions of chapter . . . , Laws of 1999 (this act) are
11 necessary to expand the capacity of the nursing profession to
12 adequately serve the public.

13 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.88A.210 and 1998 c 272 s 10 are each amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (1) A ~~((nurse may delegate specific care tasks to))~~ nursing
16 assistant~~((s))~~ meeting the requirements of this section ~~((and))~~ who
17 provides care to individuals in ~~((community residential programs for
18 the developmentally disabled certified by the department of social and
19 health services under chapter 71A.12 RCW, to individuals residing in
20 adult family homes licensed under chapter 70.128 RCW, and to
21 individuals residing in boarding homes licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW
22 contracting with the department of social and health services to
23 provide assisted living services pursuant to RCW 74.39A.010))~~
24 community-based care settings, as defined in RCW 18.79.260(3), may
25 accept delegation of nursing care tasks by a registered nurse as
26 provided in RCW 18.79.260(3).

27 (2) For the purposes of this section, "nursing assistant" means a
28 nursing assistant-registered or a nursing assistant-certified. Nothing
29 in this section may be construed to affect the authority of nurses to
30 delegate nursing tasks to other persons, including licensed practical
31 nurses, as authorized by law.

32 (3) Before commencing any specific nursing care tasks authorized
33 under this chapter, the nursing assistant must (a) provide to the
34 delegating nurse a certificate of completion issued by the department
35 of social and health services indicating the completion of basic core

1 ~~nurse delegation~~ training ((~~as provided in this section~~)), (b) be
2 regulated by the department of health pursuant to this chapter, subject
3 to the uniform disciplinary act under chapter 18.130 RCW, and (c) meet
4 any additional training requirements identified by the nursing care
5 quality assurance commission ((~~and authorized by this section~~)).
6 Exceptions to these training requirements must adhere to RCW
7 18.79.260(3)(d)(iii).

8 ((~~4~~) ~~A nurse may delegate the following care tasks:~~

9 (a) ~~Oral and topical medications and ointments;~~

10 (b) ~~Nose, ear, eye drops, and ointments;~~

11 (c) ~~Dressing changes and catheterization using clean techniques as~~
12 ~~defined by the nursing care quality assurance commission;~~

13 (d) ~~Suppositories, enemas, ostomy care;~~

14 (e) ~~Blood glucose monitoring;~~

15 (f) ~~Gastrostomy feedings in established and healed condition.~~

16 (5) ~~On or before September 1, 1995, the nursing care quality~~
17 ~~assurance commission, in conjunction with the professional nursing~~
18 ~~organizations, shall develop rules for nurse delegation protocols and~~
19 ~~by December 5, 1995, identify training beyond the core training that is~~
20 ~~deemed necessary for the delegation of complex tasks and patient care.~~

21 (6) ~~Nursing task delegation protocols are not intended to regulate~~
22 ~~the settings in which delegation may occur but are intended to ensure~~
23 ~~that nursing care services have a consistent standard of practice upon~~
24 ~~which the public and profession may rely and to safeguard the authority~~
25 ~~of the nurse to make independent professional decisions regarding the~~
26 ~~delegation of a task. Protocols shall include at least the following:~~

27 (a) ~~Ensure that determination of the appropriateness of delegation~~
28 ~~of a nursing task is at the discretion of the nurse;~~

29 (b) ~~Allow delegation of a nursing care task only for patients who~~
30 ~~have a stable and predictable condition. "Stable and predictable~~
31 ~~condition" means a situation, as defined by rule by the nursing care~~
32 ~~quality assurance commission, in which the patient's clinical and~~
33 ~~behavioral status is known and does not require frequent presence and~~
34 ~~evaluation of a registered nurse;~~

35 (c) ~~Assure that the initial delegating nurse obtains written~~
36 ~~consent to the nurse delegation process from the patient or a person~~
37 ~~authorized under RCW 7.70.065. Written consent is only necessary at~~
38 ~~the initial use of the nurse delegation process for each patient and is~~
39 ~~not necessary for task additions or changes or if a different nurse or~~

1 nursing assistant will be participating in the process. The written
2 consent must include at a minimum the following:

3 (i) A list of the tasks that could potentially be delegated per RCW
4 18.88A.210; and

5 (ii) A statement that a nursing assistant through the nurse
6 delegation process will be performing a task that would previously have
7 been performed by a registered or licensed practical nurse;

8 (d) Verify that the nursing assistant has completed the core
9 training;

10 (e) Require assessment by the nurse of the ability and willingness
11 of the nursing assistant to perform the delegated nursing task in the
12 absence of direct nurse supervision and to refrain from delegation if
13 the nursing assistant is not able or willing to perform the task;

14 (f) Require the nurse to analyze the complexity of the nursing task
15 that is considered for delegation and determine the appropriate level
16 of training and any need of additional training for the nursing
17 assistant;

18 (g) Require the teaching of the nursing care task to the nursing
19 assistant utilizing one or more of the following: (i) Verification of
20 competency via return demonstration; (ii) other methods for
21 verification of competency to perform the nursing task; or (iii)
22 assurance that the nursing assistant is competent to perform the
23 nursing task as a result of systems in place in the community
24 residential program for the developmentally disabled, adult family
25 home, or boarding home providing assisted living services;

26 (h) Require a plan of nursing supervision and reevaluation of the
27 delegated nursing task. "Nursing supervision" means that the
28 registered nurse monitors by direct observation or by whatever means is
29 deemed appropriate by the registered nurse the skill and ability of the
30 nursing assistant to perform delegated nursing tasks. Frequency of
31 supervision is at the discretion of the registered nurse but shall
32 occur at least every sixty days;

33 (i) Require instruction to the nursing assistant that the delegated
34 nursing task is specific to a patient and is not transferable;

35 (j) Require documentation and written instruction related to the
36 delegated nursing task be provided to the nursing assistant and a copy
37 maintained in the patient record;

38 (k) Ensure that the nursing assistant is prepared to effectively
39 deal with the predictable outcomes of performing the nursing task;

1 ~~(l) Include in the delegation of tasks an awareness of the nature~~
2 ~~of the condition requiring treatment, risks of the treatment, side~~
3 ~~effects, and interaction of prescribed medications;~~

4 ~~(m) Require documentation in the patient's record of the rationale~~
5 ~~for delegating or not delegating nursing tasks.~~

6 ~~(7) A basic core training curriculum on providing care for~~
7 ~~individuals in community residential programs for the developmentally~~
8 ~~disabled certified by the department of social and health services~~
9 ~~under chapter 71A.12 RCW shall be in addition to the training~~
10 ~~requirements specified in subsection (5) of this section. Basic core~~
11 ~~training shall be developed and adopted by rule by the secretary of the~~
12 ~~department of social and health services. The department of social and~~
13 ~~health services shall appoint an advisory panel to assist in the~~
14 ~~development of core training comprised of representatives of the~~
15 ~~following:~~

16 ~~(a) The division of developmental disabilities;~~

17 ~~(b) The nursing care quality assurance commission;~~

18 ~~(c) Professional nursing organizations;~~

19 ~~(d) A state wide organization of community residential service~~
20 ~~providers whose members are programs certified by the department under~~
21 ~~chapter 71A.12 RCW.~~

22 ~~(8) A basic core training curriculum on providing care to residents~~
23 ~~in residential settings licensed under chapter 70.128 RCW, or in~~
24 ~~assisted living pursuant to RCW 74.39A.010 shall be mandatory for~~
25 ~~nursing assistants prior to assessment by a nurse regarding the ability~~
26 ~~and willingness to perform a delegated nursing task. Core training~~
27 ~~shall be developed and adopted by rule by the secretary of the~~
28 ~~department of social and health services, in conjunction with an~~
29 ~~advisory panel. The advisory panel shall be comprised of~~
30 ~~representatives from, at a minimum, the following:~~

31 ~~(a) The nursing care quality assurance commission;~~

32 ~~(b) Professional nurse organizations;~~

33 ~~(c) A state wide association of community residential service~~
34 ~~providers whose members are programs certified by the department under~~
35 ~~chapter 71A.12 RCW;~~

36 ~~(d) Aging consumer groups;~~

37 ~~(e) Associations representing homes licensed under chapters 70.128~~
38 ~~and 18.20 RCW; and~~

1 ~~(f) Associations representing home health, hospice, and home care~~
2 ~~agencies licensed under chapter 70.127 RCW.)~~

3 **Sec. 3.** RCW 18.88A.230 and 1998 c 272 s 11 are each amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (1) The ~~((nurse and))~~ nursing assistant shall be accountable for
6 their own individual actions in the delegation process. ~~((Nurses~~
7 ~~acting within the protocols of their delegation authority shall be~~
8 ~~immune from liability for any action performed in the course of their~~
9 ~~delegation duties.))~~ Nursing assistants following written delegation
10 instructions from registered nurses performed in the course of their
11 accurately written, delegated duties shall be immune from liability.

12 (2) ~~((No person may coerce a nurse into compromising patient safety~~
13 ~~by requiring the nurse to delegate if the nurse determines it is~~
14 ~~inappropriate to do so. Nurses shall not be subject to any employer~~
15 ~~reprisal or disciplinary action by the Washington nursing care quality~~
16 ~~assurance commission for refusing to delegate tasks or refusing to~~
17 ~~provide the required training for delegation if the nurse determines~~
18 ~~delegation may compromise patient safety.))~~ Nursing assistants shall
19 not be subject to any employer reprisal or disciplinary action by the
20 ~~((nursing care quality assurance commission))~~ secretary for refusing to
21 accept delegation of a nursing task based on patient safety issues. No
22 ~~((community residential program, adult family home, or boarding home~~
23 ~~contracting to provide assisted living services))~~ community-based care
24 setting as defined in RCW 18.79.260(3)(d) may discriminate or retaliate
25 in any manner against a person because the person made a complaint or
26 cooperated in the investigation of a complaint.

27 ~~((3) The department of social and health services may impose a~~
28 ~~civil fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars nor more than one~~
29 ~~thousand dollars on a community residential program, adult family home,~~
30 ~~or boarding home under chapter 18, Laws of 1995 1st sp. sess. that~~
31 ~~knowingly permits an employee to perform a nursing task except as~~
32 ~~delegated by a nurse pursuant to chapter 18, Laws of 1995 1st sp.~~
33 ~~sess.))~~

34 **Sec. 4.** RCW 18.79.260 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 18 s 51 are each
35 amended to read as follows:

36 (1) A registered nurse under his or her license may perform for
37 compensation nursing care, as that term is usually understood, of the

1 ill, injured, or infirm(~~(, and in the course thereof, she or he may do~~
2 ~~the following things that shall not be done by a person not so~~
3 ~~licensed, except as provided in RCW 18.79.270 and 18.88A.210:)).~~

4 ~~((1))~~ (2) A registered nurse may, at or under the general
5 direction of a licensed physician and surgeon, dentist, osteopathic
6 physician and surgeon, naturopathic physician, podiatric physician and
7 surgeon, physician assistant, osteopathic physician assistant, or
8 advanced registered nurse practitioner acting within the scope of his
9 or her license, administer medications, treatments, tests, and
10 inoculations, whether or not the severing or penetrating of tissues is
11 involved and whether or not a degree of independent judgment and skill
12 is required. Such direction must be for acts which are within the
13 scope of registered nursing practice(~~(:~~

14 ~~(2) Delegate to other persons the functions outlined in subsection~~
15 ~~(1) of this section in accordance with chapter 18.88A RCW:)).~~

16 (3) A registered nurse may delegate tasks of nursing care to other
17 individuals where the registered nurse determines that it is in the
18 best interest of the patient.

19 (a) The delegating nurse shall:

20 (i) Determine the competency of the individual to perform the
21 tasks;

22 (ii) Evaluate the appropriateness of the delegation;

23 (iii) Supervise the actions of the person performing the delegated
24 task; and

25 (iv) Delegate only those tasks that are within the registered
26 nurse's scope of practice.

27 (b) A registered nurse may not delegate acts requiring substantial
28 skill, the administration of medications, or piercing or severing of
29 tissues except to registered or certified nursing assistants who
30 provide care to individuals in community-based care settings as
31 authorized under (d) of this subsection. Acts that require nursing
32 judgment shall not be delegated, nor shall advanced registered nurse
33 practitioners delegate prescriptive authority.

34 (c) No person may coerce a nurse into compromising patient safety
35 by requiring the nurse to delegate if the nurse determines that it is
36 inappropriate to do so. Nurses shall not be subject to any employer
37 reprisal or disciplinary action by the nursing care quality assurance
38 commission for refusing to delegate tasks or refusing to provide the

1 required training for delegation if the nurse determines delegation may
2 compromise patient safety.

3 (d) For delegation in community-based care settings, a registered
4 nurse may delegate nursing care tasks only to registered or certified
5 nursing assistants. Simple care tasks such as blood pressure
6 monitoring, personal care service, or other tasks as defined by the
7 nursing care quality assurance commission are exempted from this
8 requirement. "Community-based care settings" includes: Community
9 residential programs for the developmentally disabled, certified by the
10 department of social and health services under chapter 71A.12 RCW;
11 adult family homes licensed under chapter 70.128 RCW; and boarding
12 homes licensed under chapter 18.20 RCW. Community-based care settings
13 do not include acute care or skilled nursing facilities.

14 (i) Delegation of nursing care tasks in community-based care
15 settings is only allowed for individuals who have a stable and
16 predictable condition. "Stable and predictable condition" means a
17 situation in which the individual's clinical and behavioral status is
18 known and does not require the frequent presence and evaluation of a
19 registered nurse.

20 (ii) The determination of the appropriateness of delegation of a
21 nursing task is at the discretion of the registered nurse. However,
22 the administration of medications by injection, sterile procedures, and
23 central line maintenance may never be delegated.

24 (iii) The registered nurse shall verify that the nursing assistant
25 has completed the required core nurse delegation training required in
26 chapter 18.88A RCW prior to authorizing delegation.

27 (iv) The nurse is accountable for his or her own individual actions
28 in the delegation process. Nurses acting within the protocols of their
29 delegation authority are immune from liability for any action performed
30 in the course of their delegation duties.

31 (v) On or before June 30, 2000, the nursing care quality assurance
32 commission, in conjunction with the professional nursing organizations
33 and the department of social and health services, shall make any needed
34 revisions or additions to nurse delegation protocols by rule, including
35 standards for nurses to obtain informed consent prior to the delegation
36 of nursing care tasks. Nursing task delegation protocols are not
37 intended to regulate the settings in which delegation may occur, but
38 are intended to ensure that nursing care services have a consistent
39 standard of practice upon which the public and the profession may rely,

1 and to safeguard the authority of the nurse to make independent
2 professional decisions regarding the delegation of a task.

3 (e) The nursing care quality assurance commission may adopt rules
4 to implement this section.

5 (4) Only a person licensed as a registered nurse may instruct
6 nurses in technical subjects pertaining to nursing((+)).

7 ((+4)) (5) Only a person licensed as a registered nurse may hold
8 herself or himself out to the public or designate herself or himself as
9 a registered nurse.

10 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 18.79 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 The dispensing of Schedules II through IV controlled substances
13 subject to RCW 18.79.240(1)(s) is limited to a maximum of a seventy-
14 two-hour supply of the prescribed controlled substance.

15 **Sec. 6.** RCW 18.79.050 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 405 are each amended to
16 read as follows:

17 "Advanced registered nursing practice" means the performance of the
18 acts of a registered nurse and the performance of an expanded role in
19 providing health care services as recognized by the medical and nursing
20 professions, the scope of which is defined by rule by the commission.
21 Upon approval by the commission, an advanced registered nurse
22 practitioner may prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances
23 contained in Schedule V of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,
24 chapter 69.50 RCW, and Schedules II through IV subject to RCW
25 18.79.240(1) (r) or (s).

26 Nothing in this section prohibits a person from practicing a
27 profession for which a license has been issued under the laws of this
28 state or specifically authorized by any other law of the state of
29 Washington.

30 This section does not prohibit: (1) The nursing care of the sick,
31 without compensation, by an unlicensed person who does not hold himself
32 or herself out to be an advanced registered nurse practitioner(~~-or~~);
33 (2) the practice of registered nursing by a licensed registered nurse
34 or the practice of licensed practical nursing by a licensed practical
35 nurse; or (3) the delegation of nursing tasks to nursing assistants
36 pursuant to RCW 18.79.260(3).

1 **Sec. 7.** RCW 18.79.240 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 424 are each amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (1) In the context of the definition of registered nursing practice
4 and advanced registered nursing practice, this chapter shall not be
5 construed as:

6 (a) Prohibiting the incidental care of the sick by domestic
7 servants or persons primarily employed as housekeepers, so long as they
8 do not practice registered nursing within the meaning of this chapter;

9 (b) Preventing a person from the domestic administration of family
10 remedies or the furnishing of nursing assistance in case of emergency;

11 (c) Prohibiting the practice of nursing by students enrolled in
12 approved schools as may be incidental to their course of study or
13 prohibiting the students from working as nursing aides;

14 (d) Prohibiting auxiliary services provided by persons carrying out
15 duties necessary for the support of nursing services, including those
16 duties that involve minor nursing services for persons performed in
17 hospitals, nursing homes, or elsewhere under the direction of licensed
18 physicians or the supervision of licensed registered nurses;

19 (e) Prohibiting the practice of nursing in this state by a legally
20 qualified nurse of another state or territory whose engagement requires
21 him or her to accompany and care for a patient temporarily residing in
22 this state during the period of one such engagement, not to exceed six
23 months in length, if the person does not represent or hold himself or
24 herself out as a registered nurse licensed to practice in this state;

25 (f) Prohibiting nursing or care of the sick, with or without
26 compensation, when done in connection with the practice of the
27 religious tenets of a church by adherents of the church so long as they
28 do not engage in the practice of nursing as defined in this chapter;

29 (g) Prohibiting the practice of a legally qualified nurse of
30 another state who is employed by the United States government or a
31 bureau, division, or agency thereof, while in the discharge of his or
32 her official duties;

33 (h) Permitting the measurement of the powers or range of human
34 vision, or the determination of the accommodation and refractive state
35 of the human eye or the scope of its functions in general, or the
36 fitting or adaptation of lenses for the aid thereof;

37 (i) Permitting the prescribing or directing the use of, or using,
38 an optical device in connection with ocular exercises, visual training,
39 vision training, or orthoptics;

1 (j) Permitting the prescribing of contact lenses for, or the
2 fitting and adaptation of contact lenses to, the human eye;
3 (k) Prohibiting the performance of routine visual screening;
4 (l) Permitting the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene as
5 defined in chapters 18.32 and 18.29 RCW, respectively;
6 (m) Permitting the practice of chiropractic as defined in chapter
7 18.25 RCW including the adjustment or manipulation of the articulation
8 of the spine;
9 (n) Permitting the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery as
10 defined in chapter 18.22 RCW;
11 (o) Permitting the performance of major surgery, except such minor
12 surgery as the commission may have specifically authorized by rule
13 adopted in accordance with chapter 34.05 RCW;
14 (p) Permitting the prescribing of controlled substances as defined
15 in Schedules I through IV of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,
16 chapter 69.50 RCW, except as provided in (r) or (s) of this subsection;
17 (q) Prohibiting the determination and pronouncement of death;
18 (r) Prohibiting advanced registered nurse practitioners, approved
19 by the commission as certified registered nurse anesthetists from
20 selecting, ordering, or administering controlled substances as defined
21 in Schedules II through IV of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act,
22 chapter 69.50 RCW, consistent with their commission-recognized scope of
23 practice; subject to facility-specific protocols, and subject to a
24 request for certified registered nurse anesthetist anesthesia services
25 issued by a physician licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic
26 physician and surgeon licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, a dentist
27 licensed under chapter 18.32 RCW, or a podiatric physician and surgeon
28 licensed under chapter 18.22 RCW; the authority to select, order, or
29 administer Schedule II through IV controlled substances being limited
30 to those drugs that are to be directly administered to patients who
31 require anesthesia for diagnostic, operative, obstetrical, or
32 therapeutic procedures in a hospital, clinic, ambulatory surgical
33 facility, or the office of a practitioner licensed under chapter 18.71,
34 18.22, 18.36, 18.36A, 18.57, 18.57A, or 18.32 RCW; "select" meaning the
35 decision-making process of choosing a drug, dosage, route, and time of
36 administration; and "order" meaning the process of directing licensed
37 individuals pursuant to their statutory authority to directly
38 administer a drug or to dispense, deliver, or distribute a drug for the
39 purpose of direct administration to a patient, under instructions of

1 the certified registered nurse anesthetist. "Protocol" means a
2 statement regarding practice and documentation concerning such items as
3 categories of patients, categories of medications, or categories of
4 procedures rather than detailed case-specific formulas for the practice
5 of nurse anesthesia;

6 (s) Prohibiting advanced registered nurse practitioners from
7 ordering or prescribing controlled substances as defined in Schedules
8 II through IV of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50
9 RCW, if and to the extent: (i) Doing so is permitted by their scope of
10 practice; (ii) it is in response to a combined request from one or more
11 physicians licensed under chapter 18.71 or 18.57 RCW and an advanced
12 registered nurse practitioner licensed under this chapter, proposing a
13 joint practice arrangement under which such prescriptive authority will
14 be exercised with appropriate collaboration between the practitioners;
15 and (iii) it is consistent with rules adopted under this subsection.
16 The medical quality assurance commission, the board of osteopathic
17 medicine and surgery, and the commission are directed to jointly adopt
18 by consensus by rule a process and criteria that implements the joint
19 practice arrangements authorized under this subsection. This
20 subsection (1)(s) does not apply to certified registered nurse
21 anesthetists.

22 (2) In the context of the definition of licensed practical nursing
23 practice, this chapter shall not be construed as:

24 (a) Prohibiting the incidental care of the sick by domestic
25 servants or persons primarily employed as housekeepers, so long as they
26 do not practice practical nursing within the meaning of this chapter;

27 (b) Preventing a person from the domestic administration of family
28 remedies or the furnishing of nursing assistance in case of emergency;

29 (c) Prohibiting the practice of practical nursing by students
30 enrolled in approved schools as may be incidental to their course of
31 study or prohibiting the students from working as nursing assistants;

32 (d) Prohibiting auxiliary services provided by persons carrying out
33 duties necessary for the support of nursing services, including those
34 duties that involve minor nursing services for persons performed in
35 hospitals, nursing homes, or elsewhere under the direction of licensed
36 physicians or the supervision of licensed registered nurses;

37 (e) Prohibiting or preventing the practice of nursing in this state
38 by a legally qualified nurse of another state or territory whose
39 engagement requires him or her to accompany and care for a patient

1 temporarily residing in this state during the period of one such
2 engagement, not to exceed six months in length, if the person does not
3 represent or hold himself or herself out as a licensed practical nurse
4 licensed to practice in this state;

5 (f) Prohibiting nursing or care of the sick, with or without
6 compensation, when done in connection with the practice of the
7 religious tenets of a church by adherents of the church so long as they
8 do not engage in licensed practical nurse practice as defined in this
9 chapter;

10 (g) Prohibiting the practice of a legally qualified nurse of
11 another state who is employed by the United States government or any
12 bureau, division, or agency thereof, while in the discharge of his or
13 her official duties.

14 **Sec. 8.** RCW 18.79.250 and 1994 sp.s. c 9 s 425 are each amended to
15 read as follows:

16 An advanced registered nurse practitioner under his or her license
17 may perform for compensation nursing care, as that term is usually
18 understood, of the ill, injured, or infirm, and in the course thereof,
19 she or he may do the following things that shall not be done by a
20 person not so licensed, except as provided in RCW 18.79.260 and
21 18.79.270:

22 (1) Perform specialized and advanced levels of nursing as
23 recognized jointly by the medical and nursing professions, as defined
24 by the commission;

25 (2) Prescribe legend drugs and Schedule V controlled substances, as
26 defined in the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW,
27 and Schedules II through IV subject to RCW 18.79.240(1) (r) or (s)
28 within the scope of practice defined by the commission;

29 (3) Perform all acts provided in RCW 18.79.260;

30 (4) Hold herself or himself out to the public or designate herself
31 or himself as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or as a nurse
32 practitioner.

33 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 9.** A new section is added to chapter 18.71 RCW
34 to read as follows:

35 The commission is directed to jointly adopt by consensus, with the
36 board of osteopathic medicine and surgery and the Washington state
37 nursing care quality assurance commission, a process and criteria that

1 implements the joint practice arrangements authorized under RCW
2 18.79.240(1)(s).

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 10.** A new section is added to chapter 18.57 RCW
4 to read as follows:

5 The board is directed to jointly adopt by consensus, with the
6 medical quality assurance commission and the Washington state nursing
7 care quality assurance commission, a process and criteria that
8 implements the joint practice arrangements authorized under RCW
9 18.79.240(1)(s).

10 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 18.79 RCW
11 to read as follows:

12 The commission is directed to jointly adopt by consensus, with the
13 medical quality assurance commission and the board of osteopathic
14 medicine and surgery, a process and criteria that implements the joint
15 practice arrangements authorized under RCW 18.79.240(1)(s).

16 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Sections 5 through 7 of this act take
17 effect July 1, 2000.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 13.** The following acts or parts of acts are
19 each repealed:

20 (1) RCW 18.88A.220 (Delegation--Program and reimbursement policies)
21 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 18 s 47; and

22 (2) RCW 18.88A.240 (Delegation--Complaints) and 1995 1st sp.s. c 18
23 s 49.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 14.** If any provision of this act or its
25 application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the
26 remainder of the act or the application of the provision to other
27 persons or circumstances is not affected."

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29 By Committee on Health & Long-Term Care

30 ADOPTED 4/8/99

31 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "settings;" strike the
32 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 18.88A.210, 18.88A.230,

1 18.79.260, 18.79.050, 18.79.240, and 18.79.250; adding new sections to
2 chapter 18.79 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 18.71 RCW; adding a
3 new section to chapter 18.57 RCW; creating a new section; repealing RCW
4 18.88A.220 and 18.88A.240; and providing an effective date."

--- **END** ---