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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Sectional summary (Work Order No. 29-LS0043\N)
SB 53 - Advanced nurse practitioners

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You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. Please note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1 amends AS 08.02.010 by adding advanced practice registered nurses to the list of professions required to use their professional titles or initials on stationery, signs, or other advertising.

Sections 2 - 4 are conforming amendments that change a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse" and make other related technical amendments.

Section 5 amends AS 08.68.100(a) by requiring that the Board of Nursing's regulations pertaining to advanced practice registered nursing include the practices of advanced practice registered nurses who practice as certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified clinical nurse specialists, certified nurse practitioners, or certified nurse midwives and makes conforming amendments.

Section 6 amends AS 08.68.160 by adding advanced practice registered nursing to the licenses issued under AS 08.68 and changes the term "professional nursing" to "registered nursing."

Section 7 adds a new subsection to AS 08.68.170 that sets out the qualifications for an advanced practice registered nursing license.

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Section 8 repeals and reenacts AS 08.68.190 concerning license examinations and adds an advanced practice registered nursing examination to the licensing examinations conducted under AS 08.68.

Section 9 is a conforming amendment that changes a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse."

Section 10 amends AS 08.68.220 by adding a paragraph requiring the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development to set fees related to advanced practice registered nursing and deletes "vocational" nursing.

Section 11 amends AS 08.68.230(a) by removing "licensed professional nurse" from the titles authorized for persons licensed under AS 08.68.

Section 12 amends AS 08.68.230 by adding new subsections authorizing the use of the titles "advanced practice registered nurse", "certified registered nurse anesthetist", "certified clinical nurse specialist", "certified nurse practitioner", or "certified nurse midwife" and associated initials.

Section 13 amends AS 08.68.265 to add advanced practice registered nurses to the persons authorized to supervise a practical nurse.

Section 14 adds impersonation of an advanced practice registered nurse as a grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a nursing license.

Section 15 requires institutions that are applying for accreditation of advanced practice registered nurse training to provide certain information to the Board of Nursing.

Section 16 adds impersonation of an advanced practice registered nurse as a grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation of a certificate to practice as a nurse aide.

Sections 17 - 19 add advanced practice registered nursing to the licenses issued by the board, and change the term "professional nursing" to "registered nursing" in AS 08.68.360 - 08.68.390, which declare the unlicensed practice of nursing a public nuisance and provide for injunctive relief.

Section 20 adds advanced practice registered nurses to the licensees who may delegate certain nursing duties.

Section 21 is a conforming amendment that changes a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse" and makes a related technical change.

Section 22 defines the practice of advanced practice registered nursing.

Sections 23 - 25 are conforming amendments that change a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse" and make other related technical amendments.

Section 26 adds advanced practice registered nurses to persons who are considered justified in conduct that would otherwise be considered the use of force when delivering emergency medical care.

Sections 27 and 28 are conforming amendments that change a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse."

Section 29 adds advanced practice registered nurses to those licensees immune from civil liability for an act or omission in delivering patient case services while escorting an injured or sick person whose life is in danger in a conveyance that is not an ambulance.

Section 30 is a conforming amendment that changes a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse."

Section 31 adds advanced practice registered nurses to those practitioners authorized to draw blood for tests of persons charged with sex offenses.

Sections 32 and 33 are conforming amendments that change a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse."

Section 34 clarifies that nurse-midwives and direct entry midwives are certified.

Sections 35 - 38 are conforming amendments that change a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse" and make other related technical amendments.

Section 39 changes the term "registered professional nursing" to "registered nursing."

Section 40 clarifies that nurse-midwives must be certified to be a provider under AS 21.87.

Section 41 is a conforming amendment that changes a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse."

Sections 42 - 43 clarifies that nurse-midwives are certified and makes other technical amendments.

Sections 44 - 46 are conforming amendments that change a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse."

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Section 47 adds advanced practice registered nurses to the definition of health care provider in statutory provisions concerning prisons.

Section 48 is a conforming amendment that changes a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse."

Section 49 adds advanced practice registered nurses to licensees with particular training who may assess a child with respect to the waiver under a statutory provision concerning home and community based medical assistance.

Section 50 is a conforming amendment that changes a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse" and makes a related technical change.

Sections 51 adds advanced practice registered nurses to practitioners who are not liable for providing information to the Department of Health and Social Services for the purpose of providing services to certain children and makes a related technical change.

Sections 52 - 54 add advanced practice registered nurses to practitioners who may under statutory provisions concerning mental health commitment, determine if a person may be administered psychotropic medication without the person's consent, and add advanced practice registered nurses with particular training to the definition of mental health professional for those statutory provisions.

Sections 55 adds advanced practice registered nurses to practitioners who may review a health care plan for an assisted living home resident.

Sections 56 - 59 are conforming amendments that change a statutory reference from "advanced nurse practitioner" to "advance practice registered nurse."

Section 60 repeals specific statutes.

Section 61 sets July 1, 2015, as the effective date for the bill.

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