

4th Sub. S.B. 31
Office of Professional Licensure Review Amendments

House Amendments

Amendment 3

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Representative **Norman K Thurston** proposes the following amendments:

1. *Line 12 through 19:*

- 12 →provides a certified registered nurse anesthetist prescriptive authority immediately before
13 and after a procedure;
14 →extends the amount of time a student may work as a registered nurse apprentice;
15 → ~~{requires a minimum level of registered nursing experience before licensure as an~~
16 ~~advanced practice registered nurse;}~~
17 →permits an advanced practice registered nurse and a physician assistant to perform minor
18 surgical procedures;
19 →repeals the authority of an advanced practice registered nurse and a physician assistant to

2. *Line 935 through 946:*

- 935 care and treatment, and requires substantial specialized or general knowledge, judgment,
936 and skill based upon principles of the biological, physical, behavioral, and social
937 sciences.
938 ~~{(12) "Registered nursing clinical practice experience" means providing nursing care to}~~
939 ~~{patients as:}~~
940 ~~{(a) a registered nurse; or}~~
941 ~~{(b) a student in an approved registered nursing or advanced practice registered nursing~~
942 ~~education program.}~~
943 ~~{(13)} (12) "Routine medication" means an established medication that:~~
944 (a) is administered to a medically stable patient as determined by a licensed health care
945 provider or in consultation with a licensed health care provider; and
946 (b) is administered by the following routes:

3. *Line 956 through 967:*

- 956 (viii) sublingual;
957 (ix) topical, including a skin ointment or a transdermal patch; or
958 (x) vaginal.
959 ~~{(14)} (13) "Unlawful conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections 58-1-501~~
and
960 58-31b-501.

961 ~~{(15)}~~ (14) "Unlicensed assistive personnel" means an unlicensed individual, regardless of title,
 962 who is delegated a task by a licensed registered nurse as the division permits by rule the
 963 division makes in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
 964 Rulemaking Act, and the standards of the profession.
 965 ~~{(16)}~~ (15) "Unprofessional conduct" means the same as that term is defined in Sections
 966 58-1-501
 967 and 58-31b-502 and as the division may define by rule the division makes in accordance
with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act.

4. *Line 1071 through 1105:*

1071 of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs or another accrediting body the
 1072 division approves by rule made in collaboration with the board and in
 1073 accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act;
 1074 ~~{(vi) except as provided in Subsection (2)(b), provide evidence to the division, in a }~~
 1075 ~~{ manner the division approves by rule the division makes in collaboration with the }~~
 1076 ~~{ board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative }~~
 1077 ~~{ Rulemaking Act, of at least 2,000 hours of registered nursing clinical practice }~~
 1078 ~~{ experience; }~~
 1079 ~~{(vii)}~~ (vii) hold a current registered nurse license in good standing issued by the state or be
 1080 qualified as a registered nurse;
 1081 ~~{(viii)}~~ (vii) to practice within the psychiatric mental health nursing specialty, demonstrate,
 1082 as the division requires by rule the division makes in accordance with Title 63G,
 1083 Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, that the applicant is in the
 1084 process of completing the applicant's clinical practice requirements in psychiatric
 1085 mental health nursing, including psychotherapy;
 1086 ~~{(ix)}~~ (viii) have passed the examinations the division requires by rule the division makes in
 1087 collaboration with the board and in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah
 1088 Administrative Rulemaking Act; and
 1089 ~~{(x)}~~ (ix) meet with the board, if the board requests, to determine the applicant's
 1090 qualifications for licensure.
 1091 ~~{(b) (i) Subsection (2)(a)(vi) does not apply to an applicant seeking licensure; }~~
 1092 ~~{(A) as an advanced practice registered nurse - certified registered nurse anesthetist }~~
 1093 ~~{ with prescriptive authority; or }~~
 1094 ~~{(B) before July 1, 2028; }~~
 1095 ~~{(ii) The division may grant an exception to the requirements of Subsection (2)(a)(vi) }~~
 1096 ~~{ before July 1, 2030, through rules the division makes in accordance with Title }~~
 1097 ~~{ 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. }~~

1098 ~~{(iii) For purposes of licensure endorsement in accordance with Subsection }~~
 1099 ~~58-1-302(6)(a), registered nursing clinical practice experience may include }~~
 1100 ~~{ experience working as an advanced practice registered nurse in another }~~
 1101 ~~{ jurisdiction. }~~
 1102 ~~{(c)}~~ **(b)** A licensed advanced practice registered nurse may:
 1103 (i) maintain and promote health and prevention of disease;
 1104 (ii) diagnose, treat, correct, consult, and provide a referral;
 1105 (iii) prescribe or administer prescription drugs or devices, including:

5. *Line 1114 through 1121:*

1114 registered nursing; and
 1115 (B) consistent with professionally recognized preparation and education standards
 1116 of an advanced practice registered nurse ~~→ [{;and}]~~
 1117 ~~[{(vi)}] ←~~ ~~{(d)}~~ **(c)** ~~→ [{notwithstanding}]~~ Notwithstanding ~~←~~ Sections 58-67-805 and
 1117a 58-68-805, authorization to treat under
 1118 this section includes performing minor surgical procedures.
 1119 ~~→ [{(d)}] ←~~ ~~{(e)}~~ **(d)** The division may only define an activity as within the practice of
 1119a advanced practice
 1120 registered nursing if:
 1121 (i) the activity is:

6. *Line 2361 through 2367:*

2361 Section **63I-2-258**. is amended to read:
 2362 **63I-2-258 (Effective 05/06/26)** Repeal dates: Title 58.
 2363 [Reserved]
 2364 (1) ~~{ Subsection 58-31b-302(2)(c)(vi) }~~ **Subsection 58-31b-302(2)(c)**, regarding a licensed
 advanced practice registered
 2365 nurse's authority to perform minor surgical procedures, is repealed July 1, 2028.
 2366 (2) Subsection 58-70a-501(1)(b), regarding a licensed physician assistant's authority to
 2367 perform minor surgical procedures, is repealed July 1, 2028.