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# SENATE BILL 1105

## AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 32-1601, 32-1602, 32-1603, 32-1605, 32-1605.01, 32-1606, 32-1608, 32-1609, 32-1611, 32-1631, 32-1632, 32-1633, 32-1634, 32-1634.01, 32-1634.02, 32-1635, 32-1635.01, 32-1636, 32-1638, 32-1639.01, 32-1639.02, 32-1640, 32-1642, 32-1643, 32-1644, 32-1646, 32-1647, 32-1663, 32-1663.01, 32-1664, 32-1665, 32-1666, 32-1666.01 AND 32-1669, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; REPEALING SECTIONS 32-1641 AND 32-1662, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING LAWS 2004, CHAPTER 121, SECTIONS 1 AND 2; RELATING TO THE BOARD OF NURSING.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 32-1601, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 32-1601. Definitions

5 In this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

6 1. "Absolute discharge from the sentence" means completion of any  
7 sentence, including imprisonment, probation, parole, community supervision or  
8 any form of court supervision.

9 ~~2. "Approved nursing program" means a program for the educational~~  
10 ~~preparation of professional and practical nurses for licensure that has met~~  
11 ~~standards of the board.~~

12 2. "APPROVAL" MEANS THAT A PROGRAM FOR THE EDUCATIONAL PREPARATION FOR  
13 LICENSURE OR CERTIFICATION OF REGISTERED NURSES, PRACTICAL NURSES, NURSE  
14 PRACTITIONERS, CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS OR NURSING ASSISTANTS HAS MET  
15 STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.

16 3. "Board" means the Arizona state board of nursing.

17 4. "Certified registered nurse" means a registered nurse who has been  
18 certified by a national nursing credentialing agency recognized by the board.

19 5. "Clinical nurse specialist" means a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse  
20 who:

21 (a) Is certified by the board as a clinical nurse specialist.

22 (b) Holds a graduate degree with a major in nursing AND COMPLETES  
23 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.

24 (c) Is NATIONALLY certified ~~in a clinical specialty~~ AS A CLINICAL  
25 NURSE SPECIALIST or, if certification is not available, provides proof of  
26 competence to the board.

27 (d) Has an expanded scope of practice ~~in a specialty~~ BASED ON ADVANCED  
28 EDUCATION IN A CLINICAL NURSING SPECIALTY that includes:

29 (i) Assessing clients, synthesizing and analyzing data and  
30 understanding and applying nursing principles at an advanced level.

31 (ii) Managing directly and indirectly a client's physical and  
32 psychosocial health STATUS.

33 (iii) Analyzing multiple sources of data, identifying alternative  
34 possibilities as to the nature of a health care problem and selecting  
35 appropriate nursing interventions.

36 (iv) Developing, planning and guiding programs of care for populations  
37 of patients.

38 (v) Making independent nursing decisions to solve complex client care  
39 problems.

40 (vi) Using research skills AND ACQUIRING AND APPLYING CRITICAL NEW  
41 KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGIES TO NURSING PRACTICE.

42 (vii) Prescribing and dispensing durable medical equipment.

43 ~~(viii) Facilitating patient care by coordinating care with nursing and~~  
44 ~~other disciplines and consulting with or referring clients to other health~~  
45 ~~care providers when appropriate.~~

1 (viii) CONSULTING WITH OR REFERRING A CLIENT TO OTHER HEALTH CARE  
2 PROVIDERS BASED ON ASSESSMENT OF THE CLIENT'S HEALTH STATUS AND NEEDS.

3 (ix) FACILITATING COLLABORATION WITH OTHER DISCIPLINES TO ATTAIN THE  
4 DESIRED CLIENT OUTCOME ACROSS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE.

5 ~~(ix)~~ (x) Performing additional acts that require education and  
6 training as prescribed by the board and that are recognized by the nursing  
7 profession as proper to be performed by a clinical nurse specialist.

8 6. "Conditional license" OR "CONDITIONAL APPROVAL" means a license OR  
9 APPROVAL that specifies the conditions under which the ~~licensee~~ REGULATED  
10 PARTY is allowed to practice OR TO OPERATE AND THAT IS PRESCRIBED BY THE  
11 BOARD PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1644 OR 32-1663.

12 7. "Delegation" means transferring to a competent individual the  
13 authority to perform a selected nursing task in a designated situation in  
14 which the nurse making the delegation retains accountability for the  
15 delegation.

16 8. "DISCIPLINARY ACTION" MEANS A REGULATORY SANCTION OF A LICENSE,  
17 CERTIFICATE OR APPROVAL PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER IN ANY COMBINATION OF THE  
18 FOLLOWING:

19 (a) A CIVIL PENALTY FOR EACH VIOLATION OF THIS CHAPTER, NOT TO EXCEED  
20 ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

21 (b) RESTITUTION MADE TO AN AGGRIEVED PARTY.

22 (c) A DECREE OF CENSURE.

23 (d) A CONDITIONAL LICENSE OR A CONDITIONAL APPROVAL THAT FIXED A  
24 PERIOD AND TERMS OF PROBATION.

25 (e) LIMITED LICENSURE.

26 (f) SUSPENSION OF A LICENSE, A CERTIFICATE OR AN APPROVAL.

27 (g) VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF A LICENSE, A CERTIFICATE OR AN APPROVAL.

28 (h) REVOCATION OF A LICENSE, A CERTIFICATE OR AN APPROVAL.

29 ~~8-~~ 9. "Licensee" means a person who is licensed pursuant to this  
30 chapter or in a party state as defined in section 32-1668.

31 ~~9-~~ 10. "Limited license" means a license that restricts the scope or  
32 setting of a licensee's practice.

33 ~~10-~~ 11. "Nursing assistant" means a person who is certified pursuant  
34 to this chapter to provide or assist in the delivery of nursing or  
35 nursing-related services under the supervision and direction of a licensed  
36 nursing staff member ~~in a location where a nursing assistant is required by~~  
37 ~~law to be certified~~. Nursing assistant does not include a person who:

38 (a) Is a licensed health care professional.

39 (b) Volunteers to provide nursing assistant services without monetary  
40 compensation.

41 ~~11-~~ 12. "Practical nurse" means a person who HOLDS A PRACTICAL NURSE  
42 LICENSE ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER OR PURSUANT TO A MULTISTATE COMPACT  
43 PRIVILEGE AND WHO practices practical nursing as defined in this section.

44 ~~12-~~ 13. "Practical nursing" includes the following activities that are  
45 performed under the supervision of a physician or a registered nurse:

- 1 (a) Contributing to the assessment of the health status of individuals  
2 and groups.
- 3 (b) Participating in the development and modification of the strategy  
4 of care.
- 5 (c) Implementing aspects of the strategy of care within the nurse's  
6 scope of practice.
- 7 (d) Maintaining safe and effective nursing care that is rendered  
8 directly or indirectly.
- 9 (e) Participating in the evaluation of responses to interventions.
- 10 (f) Delegating nursing activities within the scope of practice of a  
11 practical nurse.
- 12 (g) Performing additional acts that require education and training as  
13 prescribed by the board and that are recognized by the nursing profession as  
14 proper to be performed by a practical nurse.
- 15 14. "REGISTERED NURSE" OR "PROFESSIONAL NURSE" MEANS A PERSON WHO  
16 PRACTICES REGISTERED NURSING AND WHO HOLDS A REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE ISSUED  
17 PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER OR PURSUANT TO A MULTISTATE COMPACT PRIVILEGE.
- 18 15. "Registered nurse practitioner" means a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED  
19 nurse who:
- 20 (a) Is certified by the board.
- 21 (b) Has completed a nurse practitioner education program approved or  
22 recognized by the board AND EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD  
23 BY RULE.
- 24 (c) If applying for certification after July 1, 2004, holds national  
25 certification AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER from a national certifying body  
26 recognized by the board ~~or provides proof of competence if a certifying~~  
27 ~~examination is not available.~~
- 28 (d) Has an expanded scope of practice within a specialty area that  
29 includes:
- 30 (i) Assessing clients, synthesizing and analyzing data and  
31 understanding and applying principles of health care at an advanced level.
- 32 (ii) Managing the physical and psychosocial health status of clients.
- 33 (iii) Analyzing multiple sources of data, identifying alternative  
34 possibilities as to the nature of a health care problem and selecting,  
35 implementing and evaluating appropriate treatment.
- 36 (iv) Making independent decisions in solving complex client care  
37 problems.
- 38 (v) Diagnosing, performing diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, AND  
39 prescribing, administering and dispensing therapeutic measures, including  
40 legend drugs, medical devices and controlled substances within the scope of  
41 registered nurse practitioner practice on meeting the requirements  
42 established by the board.
- 43 (vi) Recognizing the limits of the nurse's knowledge and experience,  
44 AND planning for situations beyond the nurse's knowledge, EDUCATIONAL

1 PREPARATION and expertise ~~and~~ BY consulting with or referring clients to  
2 other health care providers when appropriate.

3 (vii) Delegating to a medical assistant pursuant to section 32-1456.

4 (viii) Performing additional acts that require education and training  
5 as prescribed by the board and that are recognized by the nursing profession  
6 as proper to be performed by a nurse practitioner.

7 ~~13.~~ 16. "Professional REGISTERED nursing" includes the following:

8 (a) Diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or potential  
9 health problems.

10 (b) Assisting individuals and groups to maintain or attain optimal  
11 health by implementing a strategy of care to accomplish defined goals and  
12 evaluating responses to care and treatment.

13 (c) Assessing the health status of individuals and groups.

14 (d) Establishing a nursing diagnosis.

15 (e) Establishing goals to meet identified health care needs.

16 (f) Prescribing nursing interventions to implement a strategy of care.

17 (g) Delegating nursing interventions to others who are qualified to do  
18 so.

19 (h) Providing for the maintenance of safe and effective nursing care  
20 that is rendered directly or indirectly.

21 (i) Evaluating responses to interventions.

22 (j) Teaching nursing knowledge and skills.

23 (k) Managing and supervising the practice of nursing.

24 (l) Consulting and coordinating with other health care professionals  
25 in the management of health care.

26 (m) Performing additional acts that require education and training as  
27 prescribed by the board and that are recognized by the nursing profession as  
28 proper to be performed by a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse.

29 ~~14. "Registered nurse", "graduate nurse" or "professional nurse" means~~  
30 ~~a person who practices professional nursing as defined in this section.~~

31 17. "REGULATED PARTY" MEANS ANY PERSON, NURSING PROGRAM, NURSING  
32 ASSISTANT PROGRAM OR REFRESHER PROGRAM THAT IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED OR  
33 APPROVED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

34 ~~16.~~ 18. "Unprofessional conduct" includes the following whether  
35 occurring in this state or elsewhere:

36 (a) Committing fraud or deceit in obtaining, attempting to obtain or  
37 renewing a license or a certificate issued pursuant to this chapter.

38 (b) Committing a felony, whether or not involving moral turpitude, or  
39 a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either case, conviction by a  
40 court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive  
41 evidence of the commission.

42 (c) Aiding or abetting in a criminal abortion or attempting, agreeing  
43 or offering to procure or assist in a criminal abortion.

44 (d) Any conduct or practice that is or might be harmful or dangerous  
45 to the health of a patient or the public.

1 (e) Being mentally incompetent or physically unsafe to a degree that  
2 is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of a patient or the public.

3 (f) Having a license, certificate, permit or registration to practice  
4 a health care profession denied, suspended, conditioned, limited or revoked  
5 in another jurisdiction and not reinstated by that jurisdiction.

6 (g) Wilfully or repeatedly violating a provision of this chapter or a  
7 rule adopted pursuant to this chapter.

8 (h) Committing an act that deceives, defrauds or harms the public.

9 (i) Failing to comply with a stipulated agreement, consent agreement  
10 or board order.

11 (j) Violating THIS CHAPTER OR a rule that is adopted by the board  
12 pursuant to this chapter.

13 (k) Failing to report to the board any evidence that a professional  
14 REGISTERED or practical nurse or a nursing assistant is or may be:

15 (i) Incompetent to practice.

16 (ii) Guilty of unprofessional conduct.

17 (iii) Mentally or physically unable to safely practice nursing or to  
18 perform nursing related duties. A nurse who is providing therapeutic  
19 counseling for a nurse who is in a drug rehabilitation program is required to  
20 report that nurse only if the nurse providing therapeutic counseling has  
21 personal knowledge that patient safety is being jeopardized.

22 (l) Failing to self-report a conviction for a felony or undesignated  
23 offense within ten days after the conviction.

24 (m) CHEATING OR ASSISTING ANOTHER TO CHEAT ON A LICENSURE OR  
25 CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION.

26 Sec. 2. Section 32-1602, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
27 32-1602. Board of nursing; member terms; immunity

28 A. ~~There shall be a~~ THE state board of nursing ~~which shall consist~~ IS  
29 ESTABLISHED CONSISTING of ~~nine~~ ELEVEN members WHO ARE appointed by the  
30 governor. ~~Five~~ SIX members shall be registered nurses, INCLUDING AT LEAST  
31 ONE REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST. ONE MEMBER  
32 SHALL BE A NURSING ASSISTANT OR A NURSING ASSISTANT EDUCATOR. Two members  
33 shall represent the public and two members shall be licensed practical  
34 nurses. Members shall be appointed for a term of five years, to begin and  
35 end on June 30.

36 B. On or before May 1 each year and at any other time a vacancy on the  
37 board occurs, the governor shall make an appointment or appointments to the  
38 board. Appointment to fill a vacancy other than by expiration shall be for  
39 the unexpired term. No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as  
40 a member of the board.

41 C. The governor may remove any person from the board for neglect of  
42 any duty imposed by law or for incompetency or unprofessional or dishonorable  
43 conduct.

44 D. A BOARD MEMBER'S TERM AUTOMATICALLY ENDS:

45 1. ON THE DEATH OF THE MEMBER.

1           2. ON THE MEMBER'S WRITTEN RESIGNATION SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD  
2 PRESIDENT OR TO THE GOVERNOR.

3           3. ON THE MEMBER'S FAILURE TO ATTEND THREE CONSECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS.

4           E. A BOARD MEMBER WHO ACTS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF BOARD DUTIES, WITHOUT  
5 MALICE AND IN THE REASONABLE BELIEF THAT THE MEMBER'S ACTION IS WARRANTED BY  
6 LAW IS NOT SUBJECT TO CIVIL LIABILITY.

7           Sec. 3. Section 32-1603, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

8           32-1603. Qualifications of board members

9           A. Each ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse member of the board shall:

10           1. Be a resident of the state.

11           2. Be a graduate of an approved ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nursing  
12 program.

13           3. Be licensed as a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse in this state.

14           4. Have had at least five years' experience in nursing following  
15 graduation, including executive, supervisory or teaching experience in  
16 nursing education or nursing service.

17           5. Have been actively engaged in the practice of nursing or nursing  
18 activities for at least three years preceding the appointment.

19           B. Each licensed practical nurse member of the board shall:

20           1. Be a resident of this state.

21           2. Be a graduate of an approved practical nursing program.

22           3. Be licensed as a licensed practical nurse in this state.

23           4. Have had at least five years' experience in practical nursing  
24 following graduation.

25           5. Have been actively engaged in the practice of nursing for at least  
26 three years preceding the appointment.

27           C. Each public member of the board shall be a person who:

28           1. Is not licensed pursuant to chapter 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15.1, 16, 17,  
29 18, 19, 19.1, 21, 25 or 29 of this title or this chapter as an individual  
30 health care provider.

31           2. Is not an employee of any health care institution licensed pursuant  
32 to title 36, chapter 4 or any authorized insurer providing disability  
33 insurance coverage in this state.

34           3. Does not have a financial interest as a provider in the delivery of  
35 health care services.

36           D. EACH NURSING ASSISTANT MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL EITHER:

37           1. BE CERTIFIED AS A NURSING ASSISTANT PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER AND  
38 CURRENTLY PRACTICE OR HAVE PRACTICED WITHIN THREE YEARS OF INITIAL  
39 APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD.

40           2. WITHIN ONE YEAR OF APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD, HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED AS  
41 AN INSTRUCTOR OR COORDINATOR IN AN APPROVED NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING  
42 PROGRAM.

43           E. FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS PRECEDING APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD, EACH  
44 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST MEMBER SHALL BE  
45 CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER AND ACTIVELY PRACTICING AS A REGISTERED

1 NURSE PRACTITIONER, ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PRACTICE  
2 OR TEACHING.

3 ~~D.~~ F. Each member of the board shall take and subscribe to the oath  
4 prescribed by law for state officers, which shall be filed with the secretary  
5 of state.

6 Sec. 4. Section 32-1605, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
7 32-1605. Organization; meetings

8 A. The board shall ~~meet~~ annually ~~in November and~~ elect from its  
9 membership a president, vice-president and secretary who assume office the  
10 following January and serve a term of one year. Officers may be elected for  
11 and serve more than one term. The board shall also appoint and employ an  
12 executive director, who is not a member of the board, and other employees  
13 necessary to carry on the work of the board.

14 B. The board shall hold ~~other~~ meetings it deems necessary to transact  
15 its business. A majority of the board, including one officer, constitutes a  
16 quorum.

17 Sec. 5. Section 32-1605.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
18 read:

19 32-1605.01. Executive director; compensation; powers; duties

20 A. The board shall appoint an executive director who is not a member  
21 of the board. The executive director is eligible to receive compensation set  
22 by the board within the range determined under section 38-611.

23 B. The executive director or the executive director's designee shall:

24 1. Perform the administrative duties of the board.

25 2. Employ personnel needed to carry out the functions of the board.

26 ~~3. Issue temporary licenses and temporary nurse practitioner  
27 certificates, temporary clinical nurse specialist certificates and temporary  
28 nursing assistant certificates.~~

29 3. ISSUE AND RENEW TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LICENSES, CERTIFICATES AND  
30 PRESCRIBING OR DISPENSING AUTHORITY.

31 4. Issue single state and multistate licenses pursuant to this chapter  
32 and nursing assistant certificates to applicants who are not under  
33 investigation and who meet the qualifications for licensure or nursing  
34 assistant certification prescribed in this chapter.

35 5. Perform other duties as directed by the board.

36 6. On behalf of the board, enter into stipulated agreements with a  
37 licensee for the confidential treatment, rehabilitation and monitoring of  
38 chemical dependency. A licensee who materially fails to comply with a  
39 program requirement shall be reported to the board and terminated from the  
40 confidential program. Any records of a licensee who is terminated from a  
41 confidential program are no longer confidential or exempt from the public  
42 records law. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, stipulated agreements  
43 are not public records if the following conditions are met:

44 (a) The licensee voluntarily agrees to participate in the confidential  
45 program ~~before the initiation of an investigation.~~

1 (b) The licensee complies with all treatment requirements or  
2 recommendations, including participation in alcoholics anonymous or an  
3 equivalent twelve step program and nurse support group.

4 (c) The licensee refrains from the practice of nursing until the  
5 return to nursing has been approved by the treatment program and the  
6 executive director or the executive director's designee.

7 (d) The licensee complies with all monitoring requirements of the  
8 stipulated agreement, including random bodily fluid testing.

9 (e) The licensee's nursing employer is notified of the licensee's  
10 chemical dependency and participation in the confidential program and is  
11 provided a copy of the stipulated agreement.

12 7. APPROVE NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAMS THAT MEET THE  
13 REQUIREMENTS OF THIS CHAPTER.

14 C. IF THE BOARD ADOPTS A SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO  
15 SECTION 41-1091 AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE REPORTS ALL ACTIONS  
16 TAKEN PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION TO THE BOARD AT THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD  
17 MEETING, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE MAY:

18 1. DISMISS A COMPLAINT PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1664 IF THE COMPLAINANT  
19 DOES NOT WISH TO ADDRESS THE BOARD AND EITHER THERE IS NO EVIDENCE  
20 SUBSTANTIATING THE COMPLAINT OR, AFTER CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION, THERE IS  
21 INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT THE REGULATED PARTY VIOLATED THIS CHAPTER OR A  
22 RULE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

23 2. ENTER INTO A STIPULATED AGREEMENT WITH THE LICENSEE OR CERTIFICATE  
24 HOLDER FOR THE TREATMENT, REHABILITATION AND MONITORING OF THE LICENSEE'S OR  
25 CERTIFICATE HOLDER'S ABUSE OR MISUSE OF A CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE.

26 3. CLOSE COMPLAINTS RESOLVED THROUGH SETTLEMENT.

27 4. ISSUE LETTERS OF CONCERN.

28 5. IN LIEU OF A SUMMARY SUSPENSION HEARING, ENTER INTO A CONSENT  
29 AGREEMENT IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY OR  
30 WELFARE IMPERATIVELY REQUIRES EMERGENCY ACTION.

31 ~~C.~~ D. The executive director may accept the voluntary surrender ~~or~~  
32 ~~revocation~~ of a license, ~~or~~ certificate OR APPROVAL to resolve a pending  
33 complaint that is subject to disciplinary action ~~pursuant to section 32-1663~~.  
34 The voluntary surrender or revocation of a license, ~~or~~ certificate OR  
35 APPROVAL is a disciplinary action, and the board shall report this action if  
36 required by federal law.

37 Sec. 6. Section 32-1606, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
38 32-1606. Powers and duties of board

39 A. The board may:

40 1. Adopt and revise rules necessary to carry into effect the  
41 provisions of this chapter.

42 2. Publish advisory opinions regarding ~~functions of professional~~  
43 REGISTERED and practical ~~nurses~~ NURSING PRACTICE AND NURSING EDUCATION.

1           3. Issue limited licenses OR CERTIFICATES if it determines that an  
2 applicant or licensee cannot function safely in a specific setting OR WITHIN  
3 THE FULL SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

4           4. Refer criminal violations of this chapter to the appropriate law  
5 enforcement agency.

6           5. Establish a confidential program for the monitoring of licensees  
7 who are chemically dependent and who enroll in rehabilitation programs that  
8 meet the criteria established by the board. The board may take further  
9 action if the licensee refuses to enter into a stipulated agreement or fails  
10 to comply with its terms. In order to protect the public health and safety,  
11 the confidentiality requirements of this paragraph do not apply if the  
12 licensee does not comply with the stipulated agreement.

13           ~~6. Adopt rules for the qualification and certification of clinical  
14 nurse specialists.~~

15           ~~7. Adopt rules for the certification of school nurses if the state  
16 board of education does not require school nurses to be certificated.~~

17           ~~8.~~ 6. On the applicant's or licensee's REGULATED PARTY'S request,  
18 establish a payment schedule with the applicant or licensee REGULATED PARTY.

19           7. PROVIDE EDUCATION REGARDING BOARD FUNCTIONS.

20           8. COLLECT OR ASSIST IN THE COLLECTION OF WORKFORCE DATA.

21           9. ADOPT RULES FOR CONDUCTING PILOT PROGRAMS CONSISTENT WITH PUBLIC  
22 SAFETY FOR INNOVATIVE APPLICATIONS IN NURSING PRACTICE, EDUCATION AND  
23 REGULATION.

24           10. GRANT RETIREMENT STATUS ON REQUEST TO RETIRED NURSES WHO ARE OR  
25 WERE LICENSED UNDER THIS CHAPTER, WHO HAVE NO OPEN COMPLAINT OR INVESTIGATION  
26 PENDING AGAINST THEM AND WHO ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE.

27           11. ACCEPT AND SPEND FEDERAL MONIES AND PRIVATE GRANTS, GIFTS,  
28 CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEVICES TO ASSIST IN CARRYING OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS  
29 TITLE. THESE MONIES DO NOT REVERT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND AT THE END OF  
30 THE FISCAL YEAR.

31           B. The board shall:

32           1. ADOPT RULES AND establish standards for nursing programs and  
33 courses preparing persons for licensing OR CERTIFICATION under this chapter,  
34 recognize national nursing accrediting agencies and provide for surveys of  
35 schools PROGRAMS it deems necessary.

36           2. Approve BY RULE, ESTABLISH APPROVAL AND REAPPROVAL PROCESSES FOR  
37 nursing and nursing assistant training programs that meet the requirements of  
38 this chapter and of the board RULES.

39           3. Prepare and maintain a list of approved nursing programs for  
40 professional+ THE PREPARATION OF REGISTERED and practical nurses whose  
41 graduates are eligible for licensing under this chapter as graduate  
42 registered or professional+ nurses or as practical nurses if they satisfy the  
43 other requirements of this chapter AND BOARD RULES.

44           4. Examine qualified professional+ REGISTERED and practical nurse  
45 applicants.

1           5. License and renew the licenses of qualified ~~professional~~ REGISTERED  
2 and practical nurse applicants who are not qualified to be licensed by the  
3 executive director.

4           6. Adopt a seal, which the executive director shall keep.

5           7. Keep a record of all proceedings ~~and make an annual report to the~~  
6 ~~governor on a date the governor directs.~~

7           8. For proper cause, deny or rescind approval of a nursing or nursing  
8 assistant training program for failure to comply with this chapter or the  
9 rules of the board.

10          ~~9. On its own motion or on receipt of a complaint against a person~~  
11 ~~licensed or certified under this chapter, conduct investigations, hearings~~  
12 ~~and proceedings concerning any violation of this chapter or the rules adopted~~  
13 ~~by the board.~~

14          9. ADOPT RULES FOR THE APPROVAL OF CREDENTIAL EVALUATION SERVICES THAT  
15 EVALUATE THE QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANTS WHO GRADUATED FROM AN INTERNATIONAL  
16 NURSING PROGRAM.

17          10. Determine and administer appropriate disciplinary action ~~as~~  
18 ~~provided by this section~~ against all ~~persons who are licensed or certified~~  
19 ~~under this chapter and~~ REGULATED PARTIES who are found guilty of violating  
20 this chapter or rules adopted by the board.

21          11. Perform functions necessary to carry out the requirements of the  
22 nursing assistant training and competency evaluation program as set forth in  
23 the omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1987 (P.L. 100-203; 101 Stat. 1330),  
24 as amended by the medicare catastrophic coverage act of 1988 (P.L. 100-360;  
25 102 Stat. 683). These functions shall include:

26           (a) Testing and certification of nursing assistants.

27           (b) Maintaining a list of board approved training programs.

28           (c) Recertifying nursing assistants.

29           (d) Maintaining a registry of all certified nursing assistants.

30           (e) Assessing fees.

31          12. Adopt rules establishing those acts that may be performed by a  
32 registered nurse practitioner in collaboration with a licensed physician.

33          13. Adopt rules establishing educational requirements for the  
34 certification of school nurses.

35          14. Publish copies of board rules and distribute these copies on  
36 request.

37          15. Require each applicant for initial licensure to submit a full set  
38 of fingerprints to the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal  
39 criminal records check pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544.  
40 The department of public safety may exchange this fingerprint data with the  
41 federal bureau of investigation.

42          16. Require each applicant for initial nursing assistant certification,  
43 subject to appropriations from the state general fund by the legislature to  
44 the Arizona state board of nursing for fingerprinting, to submit a full set  
45 of fingerprints to the board for the purpose of obtaining a state and federal

1 criminal records check pursuant to section 41-1750 and Public Law 92-544.  
2 The department of public safety may exchange this fingerprint data with the  
3 federal bureau of investigation.

4 17. Revoke a license of a person, revoke the multistate licensure  
5 privilege of a person pursuant to section 32-1669 or not issue a license or  
6 renewal to an applicant who has one or more felony convictions and who has  
7 not received an absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony  
8 convictions five or more years before the date of filing an application  
9 pursuant to this chapter. ~~This paragraph does not apply to a person who has  
10 filed an application for licensure or renewal before August 1, 1998 and who  
11 has disclosed to the board one or more felony convictions on the person's  
12 application.~~

13 18. Establish standards for approving **AND REAPPROVING** nurse  
14 practitioner and clinical nurse specialist programs and provide for surveys  
15 of nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist programs as it deems  
16 necessary.

17 19. Provide the licensing authorities of health care institutions,  
18 facilities and homes any information the board receives regarding practices  
19 that place a patient's health at risk.

20 20. Limit the multistate licensure privilege of any person who holds or  
21 applies for a license in this state pursuant to section 32-1668.

22 21. Adopt rules to establish competency standards for obtaining and  
23 maintaining a license.

24 **22. ADOPT RULES FOR THE QUALIFICATION AND CERTIFICATION OF CLINICAL  
25 NURSE SPECIALISTS.**

26 **23. ADOPT RULES FOR APPROVAL AND REAPPROVAL OF REFRESHER COURSES FOR  
27 NURSES WHO ARE NOT CURRENTLY PRACTICING.**

28 ~~C. The board may take any of the following disciplinary actions  
29 against any person who holds a license to practice nursing in this state:~~

30 ~~1. Revoke the license to practice.~~

31 ~~2. Suspend the license to practice.~~

32 ~~3. Enter a decree of censure which may require that restitution be  
33 made to an aggrieved party.~~

34 ~~4. Issue an order fixing a period and terms of probation best adapted  
35 to protect the public health and safety and rehabilitate the licensed person.~~

36 ~~5. Impose a civil penalty for each violation of this chapter, not to  
37 exceed one thousand dollars, either singly or in combination with any  
38 disciplinary action permitted under this subsection.~~

39 **C. THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION  
40 THAT INDICATES THAT A PERSON OR REGULATED PARTY MAY HAVE VIOLATED THIS  
41 CHAPTER OR A RULE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER. FOLLOWING THE  
42 INVESTIGATION, THE BOARD MAY TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION PURSUANT TO THIS  
43 CHAPTER.**

44 D. The board may limit, revoke or suspend the privilege of a nurse to  
45 practice in this state granted pursuant section 32-1668.

1 E. Failure to comply with any final order of the board, including an  
2 order of censure or probation, is cause for suspension or revocation of a  
3 license or ~~revocation of~~ a certificate.

4 F. The president or a member of the board designated by the president  
5 may administer oaths in transacting the business of the board.

6 Sec. 7. Section 32-1608, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
7 32-1608. Examinations; notice

8 The board shall contract with a private entity to conduct licensure **AND**  
9 **NURSING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATION** examinations. The board shall require as  
10 part of this contract that the entity provide notice of the examination  
11 procedure to applicants.

12 Sec. 8. Section 32-1609, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
13 32-1609. Register of licenses and certificates; change of  
14 address

15 A. The executive director shall keep a register of licenses and  
16 certificates for each person who holds an Arizona nursing license or nursing  
17 assistant certificate that includes the following:

- 18 1. Each licensee's and certificate holder's current ~~residence~~ address.
- 19 2. Licenses and certificates granted or revoked.

20 B. The register shall be open during office hours to public  
21 inspection.

22 C. Each person who holds an Arizona nursing license or nursing  
23 assistant certificate shall notify the board in writing within thirty days of  
24 each change in the licensee's or certificate holder's ~~residence~~ address.

25 Sec. 9. Section 32-1611, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:  
26 32-1611. Board of nursing fund

27 A. ~~Except as provided in subsection C of this section,~~ Before the end  
28 of each month, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, the board shall  
29 deposit ten per cent of all monies received by the board from ~~whatever source~~  
30 **FEES PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1643** in the state general fund and deposit the  
31 remaining ninety per cent in the board of nursing fund.

32 B. Monies deposited in the board of nursing fund are subject to  
33 section 35-143.01.

34 C. Monies from civil penalties received pursuant to section 32-1606  
35 shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, in the state  
36 general fund.

37 Sec. 10. Section 32-1631, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
38 read:

39 32-1631. Acts and persons not affected by chapter

40 This chapter ~~shall~~ **DOES** not ~~be construed as prohibiting~~ **PROHIBIT**:

41 1. Auxiliary or supportive services by maids, porters, messengers, bus  
42 boys, nurses aides or attendants working under competent supervision in a  
43 licensed hospital, or gratuitous care by friends or members of the family of  
44 a sick or infirm person or incidental care of the sick by a domestic servant  
45 or person employed primarily as a housekeeper, as long as these persons do

1 not practice ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nursing or claim to be licensed  
2 practical nurses.

3 2. Nursing assistance in cases of emergency.

4 3. Nursing by duly enrolled prelicensure students under competent  
5 supervision in approved nursing programs.

6 4. The practice of nursing in this state by any legally qualified  
7 nurse of another state whose engagement requires the nurse to accompany and  
8 care for a patient temporarily residing in this state during one such  
9 engagement not to exceed six months, if the nurse does not claim to be a  
10 nurse licensed to practice in this state.

11 5. Nursing by any legally qualified nurse of another state who is  
12 employed by the government of the United States or any bureau, division or  
13 agency of the United States government in the discharge of that person's  
14 official duties.

15 6. Caring for the sick in connection with the practice of religion or  
16 treatment by prayer.

17 7. REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PRACTICE  
18 BY DULY ENROLLED STUDENTS UNDER COMPETENT SUPERVISION AS PART OF A REGISTERED  
19 NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST PROGRAM IF THE PROGRAM IS  
20 APPROVED BY A UNITED STATES NURSING REGULATORY AGENCY IN THE STATE OF THE  
21 PARENT INSTITUTION AND THE STUDENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PRACTICE REGISTERED  
22 NURSING IN THIS STATE.

23 8. NURSING EDUCATION PROVIDED TO STUDENTS IN THIS STATE THAT IS  
24 PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY OR IN PERSON BY A PERSON WHO RESIDES IN ANOTHER STATE  
25 AND WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING IN THAT STATE IF THE  
26 PROVISION OF EDUCATION DOES NOT EXCEED SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS IN ANY CALENDAR  
27 YEAR AND DOES NOT INCLUDE SUPERVISING OR PROVIDING CLINICAL CARE.

28 9. CONSULTING SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED TO PERSONS IN THIS STATE  
29 ELECTRONICALLY OR IN PERSON BY A PERSON WHO RESIDES IN ANOTHER STATE AND WHO  
30 IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING IN THAT STATE IF THE PROVISION OF  
31 SERVICES DOES NOT EXCEED SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS IN ANY CALENDAR YEAR AND DOES  
32 NOT INCLUDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE.

33 Sec. 11. Section 32-1632, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
34 read:

35 32-1632. Qualifications of registered nurse; application for  
36 license

37 An applicant for a license to practice as a ~~graduate, professional or~~  
38 registered nurse shall file with the board a verified written application  
39 accompanied by the prescribed fee and shall submit satisfactory proof that  
40 the applicant:

41 1. Has completed satisfactorily the basic ~~professional~~ curriculum in  
42 an approved ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nursing program and holds a diploma or  
43 degree from that program.

1           2. If convicted of one or more felonies, has received an absolute  
2 discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions five or more years  
3 before the date of filing an application pursuant to this chapter.

4           Sec. 12. Section 32-1633, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
5 read:

6           32-1633. Examination of registered nurses

7           A. An applicant shall pass an examination in subjects relating to the  
8 duties and services of a registered nurse taught in an approved ~~professional~~  
9 REGISTERED nursing program as the board determines.

10          B. If an applicant successfully passes the examination and meets the  
11 other requirements ~~set forth in~~ ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO this chapter, the  
12 board shall issue a license to practice ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nursing to  
13 the applicant.

14          ~~C. If an applicant fails the examination prescribed in subsection A  
15 four times, the board may require the applicant to complete additional  
16 educational requirements established by the board in its rules before taking  
17 the examination again.~~

18          C. IF AN APPLICANT FAILS TO PASS THE EXAMINATION PRESCRIBED IN  
19 SUBSECTION A WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER COMPLETING THE NURSING PROGRAM, THE BOARD  
20 MAY REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AS  
21 PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.

22          D. IF ON REVIEW OF CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT THE  
23 SECURITY OF A LICENSURE EXAMINATION HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AND THAT THE  
24 CREDIBILITY OF EXAMINATION RESULTS IS IN QUESTION, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE  
25 RETESTING OF APPLICANTS.

26          Sec. 13. Section 32-1634, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
27 read:

28          32-1634. Licensing out-of-state registered nurses

29          A. The board may issue a license to practice ~~professional~~ REGISTERED  
30 nursing to an applicant who has been duly licensed or registered as a  
31 ~~graduate~~, registered ~~or professional~~ nurse in another state or a territory of  
32 the United States if in the opinion of the board the applicant meets the  
33 qualifications required of a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse in this state  
34 pursuant to sections 32-1632 and 32-1633.

35          B. The board shall not issue a license to an applicant who has one or  
36 more felony convictions and who has not received an absolute discharge from  
37 the sentences for all felony convictions five or more years before the date  
38 of filing the application.

39          Sec. 14. Section 32-1634.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
40 read:

41          32-1634.01. Qualifications of international registered nurses;  
42 application for license; examination

43          A. An applicant for a license to practice as a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED  
44 nurse who is a graduate of ~~a foreign~~ AN INTERNATIONAL nursing program, who is  
45 not licensed in another state or territory of the United States and who does

1 not meet the requirements of section 32-1633, subsection A,~~—~~ shall satisfy  
2 the following requirements:

3 1. Submit a report from ~~an~~ A CREDENTIAL EVALUATION agency approved by  
4 the board that provides information that the applicant's nursing program is  
5 equivalent to an approved program or, IF THE APPLICANT GRADUATED FROM A  
6 CANADIAN NURSING PROGRAM, submit a passing score on the English language  
7 version of the Canadian nurses association testing service examination or an  
8 equivalent Canadian nurse licensure examination as determined by the board.

9 2. ~~Submit a passing score, as determined by the board, on an~~ MEETS  
10 English language proficiency ~~examination approved by the board for those~~  
11 ~~applicants whose nursing program was in a language other than English~~  
12 REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.

13 3. Submit a report from an agency recognized by the board verifying  
14 ~~the status of any nursing license held by the applicant~~ THAT ANY LICENSE HELD  
15 IN AN INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION IS IN GOOD STANDING AND IS OF EQUIVALENT  
16 STATUS TO A LICENSE ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES.

17 4. Pass an examination as provided in section 32-1633, subsection A.

18 5. Submit a verified statement that indicates whether the applicant  
19 has been convicted of a felony and, if convicted of one or more felonies,  
20 that indicates the date of absolute discharge from the sentences for all  
21 felony convictions.

22 B. If the applicant satisfies the requirements of subsection A of this  
23 section and meets the other requirements ~~set forth in~~ ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO  
24 this chapter AND BOARD RULES, except those requiring graduation from a board  
25 approved program, the board shall issue a license to practice as a  
26 ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse to the applicant.

27 ~~C. If an applicant fails the examination prescribed in subsection A,~~  
28 ~~paragraph 4 of this section four times, the board may require the applicant~~  
29 ~~to complete additional educational requirements established by the board in~~  
30 ~~its rules before taking the examination again.~~

31 C. ON REVIEW OF CREDIBLE EVIDENCE, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE RETESTING OF  
32 AN APPLICANT IF THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT THE SECURITY OF AN INTERNATIONAL  
33 LICENSURE EXAMINATION HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AND THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF THE  
34 EXAMINATION RESULTS IS IN QUESTION.

35 Sec. 15. Section 32-1634.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
36 read:

37 32-1634.02. Qualifications of international registered nurses;  
38 applicants for licensure; endorsement

39 A. An applicant for a license to practice as a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED  
40 nurse who is a graduate of ~~a foreign~~ AN INTERNATIONAL nursing program and who  
41 is licensed in another state or territory of the United States or, if not  
42 licensed, has met the requirements prescribed in section 32-1633, subsection  
43 A,~~—~~ shall satisfy the following requirements:

44 1. Submit a report from ~~an~~ A CREDENTIAL EVALUATION agency approved by  
45 the board that provides information indicating that the applicant's nursing

1 program is equivalent to an approved ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nursing program  
2 or, IF THE APPLICANT GRADUATED FROM A CANADIAN NURSING PROGRAM, submit a  
3 passing score on the English language version of the Canadian nurses  
4 association testing service examination or an equivalent Canadian nurse  
5 licensure examination as determined by the board.

6 2. Submit a report from an agency recognized by the board verifying  
7 the status of any nursing license held by the applicant.

8 3. Pass an examination as prescribed in section 32-1633, subsection A  
9 AND SATISFY ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE  
10 BOARD BY RULE.

11 4. Submit a verified statement that indicates whether the applicant  
12 has been convicted of a felony and, if convicted of one or more felonies,  
13 that indicates the date of absolute discharge from the sentences for all  
14 felony convictions.

15 B. If the applicant satisfies the ~~requirement~~ REQUIREMENTS of  
16 subsection A of this section and meets the other requirements prescribed in  
17 this chapter AND PURSUANT TO BOARD RULE, except those requiring graduation  
18 from a board approved program PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-1632, PARAGRAPH 1, the  
19 board shall issue a license to practice as a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse to  
20 the applicant.

21 Sec. 16. Section 32-1635, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
22 read:

23 32-1635. Temporary license to practice registered nursing

24 A. The board may issue a temporary license to practice ~~professional~~  
25 REGISTERED nursing to an applicant for a license who ~~either:~~  
26 ~~1-~~ meets the qualifications for licensing specified in ~~section~~  
27 SECTIONS 32-1632 AND 32-1633 AND BOARD RULES.

28 ~~2- Has had an expired or inactive license for at least five years, who~~  
29 ~~enrolls in a reentry update program approved by the board and who meets the~~  
30 ~~requirements of section 32-1632, paragraph 2-~~

31 B. Temporary licenses expire on the date specified in the license and  
32 may be renewed at the discretion of the ~~board~~ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

33 Sec. 17. Section 32-1635.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
34 read:

35 32-1635.01. Temporary nurse practitioner and clinical nurse  
36 specialist certifications

37 A. The board may issue a temporary nurse practitioner certificate,  
38 INCLUDING PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING AUTHORITY, or A temporary clinical nurse  
39 specialist certificate to a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse who holds an  
40 unencumbered temporary OR PERMANENT license and who meets the requirements  
41 for certification AND PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING AUTHORITY as prescribed by  
42 board rules.

43 B. A temporary certificate expires on the date specified in the  
44 certificate and may be renewed at the ~~board's~~ discretion OF THE EXECUTIVE  
45 DIRECTOR.

1           Sec. 18. Section 32-1636, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3           32-1636. Use of titles or abbreviations

4           A. Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice  
5 ~~professiona~~ REGISTERED nursing in this state or in a party state pursuant to  
6 section 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "registered nurse", "graduate  
7 nurse" or "professional nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N.".

8           B. ONLY A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID AND CURRENT LICENSE TO PRACTICE  
9 PRACTICAL NURSING IN THIS STATE OR IN A PARTY STATE AS DEFINED IN SECTION  
10 32-1668 MAY USE THE TITLE "NURSE", "LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE" OR "PRACTICAL  
11 NURSE" OR THE ABBREVIATION "L.P.N.".

12           C. ONLY A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID AND CURRENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED  
13 PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER IN  
14 THIS STATE MAY USE THE TITLE "NURSE PRACTITIONER", "REGISTERED NURSE  
15 PRACTITIONER" OR "NURSE MIDWIFE", IF APPLICABLE, OR USE ANY WORDS OR LETTERS  
16 TO INDICATE THE PERSON IS A REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER. A PERSON WHO IS  
17 CERTIFIED AS A REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL INDICATE BY TITLE OR  
18 INITIALS THE SPECIALTY AREA OF CERTIFICATION.

19           D. ONLY A PERSON WHO HOLDS A VALID AND CURRENT CERTIFICATE ISSUED  
20 PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER TO PRACTICE AS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST MAY USE  
21 THE TITLE "CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST" OR USE ANY WORDS OR LETTERS TO INDICATE  
22 THE PERSON IS A CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST. A PERSON WHO IS CERTIFIED AS A  
23 CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST SHALL INDICATE BY TITLE OR INITIALS THE SPECIALTY  
24 AREA OF CERTIFICATION.

25           E. A NURSE WHO IS GRANTED RETIREMENT STATUS SHALL NOT PRACTICE NURSING  
26 BUT MAY USE THE TITLE "REGISTERED NURSE-RETIRED" OR "RN-RETIRED" OR "LICENSED  
27 PRACTICAL NURSE-RETIRED" OR "LPN-RETIRED", AS APPLICABLE.

28           Sec. 19. Section 32-1638, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
29 read:

30           32-1638. Examination of practical nurses

31           A. An applicant shall pass an examination in subjects relating to the  
32 duties and services of a practical nurse taught in an approved practical  
33 nursing program as the board determines.

34           B. If an applicant successfully passes the examination and meets the  
35 other requirements ~~set forth in~~ ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO this chapter, the  
36 board shall issue a license to practice as a licensed practical nurse to the  
37 applicant.

38           ~~C. If an applicant fails the examination prescribed in subsection A  
39 four times, the board may require the applicant to complete additional  
40 educational requirements established by the board in its rules before taking  
41 the examination again.~~

42           C. IF AN APPLICANT FAILS TO PASS THE EXAMINATION PRESCRIBED IN  
43 SUBSECTION A WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER COMPLETING THE NURSING PROGRAM, THE BOARD  
44 MAY REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AS  
45 PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.

1 D. ON REVIEW OF CREDIBLE EVIDENCE, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE RETESTING OF  
2 APPLICANTS IF THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT THE SECURITY OF A LICENSURE EXAMINATION  
3 HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AND THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF EXAMINATION RESULTS IS IN  
4 QUESTION.

5 Sec. 20. Section 32-1639.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
6 read:

7 32-1639.01. Qualifications of international graduate practical  
8 nurses; application for license; examination

9 A. An applicant for a license to practice as a practical nurse who is  
10 a graduate of ~~a foreign~~ AN INTERNATIONAL nursing program, ~~and~~ who is not  
11 licensed in another state or territory of the United States and who does not  
12 meet the requirements of section 32-1638, subsection A, ~~must~~ satisfy the  
13 following requirements:

14 1. Submit a report from ~~an~~ A CREDENTIAL EVALUATION agency approved by  
15 the board that provides information that the applicant's nursing program is  
16 equivalent to an approved practical or ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nursing  
17 program, or IF THE APPLICANT GRADUATED FROM A CANADIAN NURSING PROGRAM,  
18 submit a passing score on the English language version of the Canadian nurses  
19 association testing service examination or an equivalent Canadian nurse  
20 licensure examination as determined by the board.

21 2. ~~Submit a passing score, as determined by the board, on an MEETS~~  
22 English language proficiency ~~examination approved by the board for those~~  
23 ~~applicants whose nursing program was in a language other than English~~  
24 REQUIREMENTS PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD BY RULE.

25 3. Submit a report from an agency recognized by the board verifying  
26 ~~the status of any nursing license held by the applicant~~ THAT ANY LICENSE HELD  
27 IN AN INTERNATIONAL JURISDICTION IS IN GOOD STANDING AND IS OF EQUIVALENT  
28 STATUS TO A LICENSE ISSUED IN THE UNITED STATES.

29 4. Pass an examination as prescribed in section 32-1638.

30 5. Submit a verified statement that indicates if the applicant has  
31 been convicted of a felony and, if convicted of one or more felonies, that  
32 indicates the date of absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony  
33 convictions.

34 B. THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A PRACTICAL NURSE TO  
35 AN APPLICANT WHO DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 32-1637, PARAGRAPH  
36 1, RELATING TO GRADUATION FROM A BOARD APPROVED PROGRAM, IF THE APPLICANT  
37 OTHERWISE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION AND THE  
38 OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER.

39 C. ON REVIEW OF CREDIBLE EVIDENCE, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE RETESTING OF  
40 AN APPLICANT IF THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT THE SECURITY OF AN INTERNATIONAL  
41 LICENSURE EXAMINATION HAS BEEN COMPROMISED AND THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF THE  
42 EXAMINATION RESULTS IS IN QUESTION.



1           Sec. 24. Section 32-1642, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3           32-1642. ~~Renewal of license; failure to renew;~~

4           A. Except as provided in section 32-4301, a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED  
5 and practical nurse licensee shall renew the license every four years on or  
6 before ~~July~~ APRIL 1. If a licensee does not renew the license on or before  
7 ~~August~~ MAY 1, the licensee shall pay an additional fee for late renewal as  
8 prescribed in section 32-1643. If a licensee does not renew the license on  
9 or before ~~November~~ AUGUST 1, the license expires. It is a violation of this  
10 chapter for a person to practice nursing with an expired license.

11           B. An applicant for renewal of a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED or practical  
12 nursing license shall submit a verified statement that indicates whether the  
13 applicant has been convicted of a felony and, if convicted of one or more  
14 felonies, indicates the date of absolute discharge from the sentences for all  
15 felony convictions.

16           C. On receipt of the application and fee, the board shall verify the  
17 accuracy of the application and issue to the applicant an active renewal  
18 license, which shall be effective for the following four calendar years. The  
19 renewal license shall render the holder a legal practitioner of nursing, as  
20 specified in the license, during the period stated on the certificate of  
21 renewal. A licensee who fails to secure a renewal license within the time  
22 specified may secure a renewal license by making verified application as the  
23 board prescribes by furnishing proof of being qualified and competent to act  
24 as a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED or practical nurse, and additional information  
25 and material as required by the board, and by payment of the prescribed fee.

26           D. Except as provided in section 32-4301, a nursing assistant shall  
27 renew the certification every two years on the last day of the birth month of  
28 the nursing assistant. An applicant for renewal shall submit a verified  
29 statement that indicates whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony  
30 and, if convicted of one or more felonies, indicates the date of absolute  
31 discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions. On receipt of the  
32 application and fee, the board shall recertify qualified applicants.

33           E. On written request to the board, the name and license of a licensee  
34 in good standing may be transferred to an inactive list. The licensee shall  
35 not practice during the time the license is inactive, and renewal fees do not  
36 accrue. If an inactive licensee wishes to resume the practice of nursing,  
37 the board shall renew the license on satisfactory showing that the licensee  
38 is then qualified and competent to practice and on payment of the current  
39 renewal fee. The licensee shall also file with the board a verified  
40 statement that indicates whether the applicant has been convicted of a felony  
41 and, if convicted of one or more felonies, that indicates the date of  
42 absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions.

1           Sec. 25. Section 32-1643, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3           32-1643. Fees; penalties

4           A. The board by formal vote at its annual ~~November~~ meeting shall  
5 establish fees not to exceed the following amounts:

6           1. Initial application for certification for ~~extended nursing practice~~  
7 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER AND CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST in specialty  
8 areas, one hundred fifty dollars.

9           2. Initial application for school nurse certification, seventy-five  
10 dollars.

11           3. Initial application for license as a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse,  
12 one hundred fifty dollars.

13           4. Initial application for license as a ~~licensed~~ practical nurse, one  
14 hundred fifty dollars.

15           5. Application for ~~reinstatement~~ REISSUANCE of a ~~professional~~  
16 REGISTERED or practical nursing license, one hundred fifty dollars.

17           6. Application for renewal of a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse or a  
18 practical nurse license before expiration, one hundred sixty dollars.

19           7. Application for renewal of license after expiration, one hundred  
20 sixty dollars, plus a late fee of fifty dollars for each month a license is  
21 lapsed, but not to exceed a total of two hundred dollars.

22           8. Application for renewal of a school nurse certificate, fifty  
23 dollars.

24           9. Application for temporary license or temporary nursing assistant  
25 certificate, fifty dollars.

26           10. Retaking the ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nurse or practical nurse  
27 examination, one hundred dollars.

28           11. Issuing a certification card to an applicant for nursing assistant  
29 certification, fifty dollars.

30           12. Issuing a certification card to a certified nursing assistant  
31 applicant for renewal, fifty dollars.

32           13. Application for renewal of a nursing assistant certificate after  
33 its expiration, twenty-five dollars for each year it is expired, not to  
34 exceed a total of one hundred dollars.

35           14. Issuing a duplicate license or certificate, twenty-five dollars.

36           15. Copying a nursing program transcript, twenty-five dollars.

37           16. Verification to another state or country of licensure for  
38 endorsement, certification for advanced practice or nursing assistant  
39 certification, fifty dollars.

40           17. Providing verification to an applicant for licensure or for nursing  
41 assistant certification by endorsement, fifty dollars.

42           18. Application to prescribe and dispense medication and application to  
43 prescribe medication, one hundred fifty dollars.

1           19. Application for renewal of prescribing and dispensing medication  
2 privileges before expiration and application for renewal of prescribing  
3 medication privileges before expiration, twenty dollars.

4           20. Application for renewal of prescribing and dispensing medication  
5 privileges after expiration and application for renewal of prescribing  
6 medication privileges after expiration, thirty-five dollars.

7           21. Issuing an inactive license, fifty dollars.

8           22. Writing the national council licensing examination for the first  
9 time, one hundred fifty dollars.

10          23. Sale of publications prepared by the board, fifty dollars.

11          24. Providing notary services, two dollars, or as allowed under section  
12 41-316.

13          25. Copying records, documents, letters, minutes, applications and  
14 files, fifty cents a page.

15          26. Processing fingerprint cards, fifty dollars.

16          27. Registration for board seminars, one hundred dollars.

17          28. Failing to notify the board of a change of ~~residence~~ address  
18 pursuant to section 32-1609, twenty-five dollars.

19          B. The board may collect from the drawer of a dishonored check, draft  
20 order or note an amount allowed pursuant to section 44-6852.

21          Sec. 26. Section 32-1644, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
22 read:

23           32-1644. Approval of nursing schools and nursing programs;  
24 application; maintenance of standards

25          A. The board shall approve all new prelicensure nursing, nurse  
26 practitioner and clinical nurse specialist programs pursuant to this  
27 section. A postsecondary educational institution or school in this state  
28 that is accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States  
29 department of education desiring to conduct a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED  
30 NURSING, practical NURSING, nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist  
31 ~~nursing~~ program shall apply to the board for approval and submit satisfactory  
32 proof that it is prepared to meet and maintain the minimum standards  
33 prescribed by this chapter and board rules.

34          B. The board or its authorized agent shall conduct a survey of the  
35 institution or program applying for approval and shall submit a written  
36 report of its findings to the board. If the board determines that the  
37 program meets the requirements prescribed in its rules, it shall approve the  
38 applicant as either a ~~professional~~ REGISTERED nursing program, practical  
39 nursing program, nurse practitioner program or clinical nurse specialist  
40 program in a specialty area.

41          C. A nursing program approved by the board may also be accredited by a  
42 national nursing accrediting agency recognized by the board. If a  
43 prelicensure nursing program is accredited by a national nursing accrediting  
44 agency recognized by the board, the board does not have authority over it  
45 unless any of the following occurs:

1           1. The board receives a complaint about the program relating to  
2 patient safety.

3           2. The program falls below the standards prescribed by the board in  
4 its rules.

5           3. The program loses its accreditation by a national nursing  
6 accrediting agency recognized by the board.

7           4. The program allows its accreditation by a national nursing  
8 accrediting agency recognized by the board to lapse.

9           D. From time to time the board, through its authorized employees or  
10 representatives, may resurvey all approved programs in the state and shall  
11 file written reports of these resurveys with the board. If the board  
12 determines that an approved nursing program is not maintaining the required  
13 standards, it shall immediately give written notice to the program specifying  
14 the defects. If the defects are not corrected within a reasonable time as  
15 determined by the board, the board may take either of the following actions:

16           1. Approve the program but restrict the program's ability to admit new  
17 students until the program complies with board standards.

18           2. Remove the program from the list of approved nursing programs until  
19 the program complies with board standards.

20           E. All approved nursing programs shall maintain accurate and current  
21 records showing in full the theoretical and practical courses given to each  
22 student.

23           F. The board does not have regulatory authority over the following  
24 approved nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist programs unless the  
25 conditions prescribed in subsection C are met:

26           1. A nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist program that is  
27 part of a graduate program in nursing accredited by an agency recognized by  
28 the board if the program was surveyed as part of the graduate program  
29 accreditation.

30           2. A nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist program that is  
31 accredited by an agency recognized by the board.

32           Sec. 27. Section 32-1646, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
33 read:

34           32-1646. Nursing assistants; board powers

35           A. In the regulation of nursing assistants the board may:

36           1. Refer criminal violations of this article to the appropriate law  
37 enforcement agency.

38           2. File a letter of concern if the board believes there is  
39 insufficient evidence to support direct action against the nursing  
40 assistant's certificate but sufficient evidence for the board to notify the  
41 nursing assistant of its concern.

42           3. Pursuant to the omnibus budget reconciliation act of 1987 (P.L.  
43 100-203; 101 Stat. 1330), as amended by the medicare catastrophic coverage  
44 act of 1988 (P.L. 100-360; 102 Stat. 683), indicate on the certificate the  
45 existence of any substantiated complaints against the certificate holder.

1           4. Deny certification or recertification or ~~suspend, revoke or accept~~  
2 ~~the voluntary surrender of a certificate~~ TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION if a  
3 nursing assistant commits an act of unprofessional conduct. DISCIPLINARY  
4 ACTION AGAINST NURSING ASSISTANT CERTIFICATES IS LIMITED TO REVOCATION,  
5 SUSPENSION, A DECREE OF CENSURE, IMPOSING A CIVIL PENALTY AND ORDERING  
6 RESTITUTION.

7           5. Issue a temporary nursing assistant certificate to an applicant who  
8 meets the qualifications for certification specified in section 32-1645. The  
9 certificate expires six months after the date of issuance and may be renewed  
10 at the discretion of the board.

11           6. In addition to any other disciplinary action it may take, impose a  
12 civil penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for each violation of  
13 this chapter.

14           B. The board shall revoke a certificate of a person or not issue a  
15 certificate or recertification to an applicant who has one or more felony  
16 convictions and who has not received an absolute discharge from the sentences  
17 for all felony convictions five or more years prior to the date of filing an  
18 application pursuant to this chapter. ~~This subsection does not apply to a~~  
19 ~~person who has filed an application for certification or recertification~~  
20 ~~before August 1, 1998 and who has disclosed one or more felony convictions on~~  
21 ~~the person's application.~~

22           Sec. 28. Section 32-1647, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
23 read:

24           32-1647. Examination of nursing assistants

25           A. An applicant for certification as a nursing assistant shall pass a  
26 written and manual skills examination on subjects contained in a nursing  
27 assistant training program approved by the board.

28           B. The board shall issue a certificate to a person who successfully  
29 passes both examinations and meets all other requirements as prescribed in  
30 this article.

31           C. If an applicant fails TO PASS either the written or the manual  
32 skills examination ~~three times~~ WITHIN TWO YEARS AFTER COMPLETING AN  
33 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, the applicant shall complete to the board's satisfaction  
34 an approved nursing assistant training program before the applicant may take  
35 that examination again.

36           ~~D. The board shall waive the examination requirements of this section~~  
37 ~~if the applicant submits a verified affidavit to the board demonstrating that~~  
38 ~~the applicant has completed one of the following:~~

39           ~~1. As of July 1, 1989, sixty hours of training and fifteen hours of~~  
40 ~~in-service training.~~

41           ~~2. As of July 1, 1989, one hundred hours of training.~~

42           ~~3. Work at one or more facilities operated by the same employer in~~  
43 ~~this state for a minimum of twenty-four consecutive months prior to December~~  
44 ~~19, 1989.~~

1           Sec. 29. Repeal

2           Section 32-1662, Arizona Revised Statutes, is repealed.

3           Sec. 30. Section 32-1663, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
4 read:

5           32-1663. Disciplinary action

6           A. If an applicant for licensure or certification commits an act of  
7 unprofessional conduct, the board, **AFTER AN INVESTIGATION**, may deny the  
8 application **OR TAKE OTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION**. ~~The board may issue a~~  
9 ~~conditional license to an applicant for licensure who commits an act of~~  
10 ~~unprofessional conduct.~~

11           B. **IN ITS DENIAL ORDER**, the board ~~in its order denying the license to~~  
12 ~~an applicant~~ shall ~~terminate and revoke~~ **IMMEDIATELY INVALIDATE** any temporary  
13 license **OR CERTIFICATE** issued to ~~that~~ **THE** applicant.

14           C. Any person aggrieved by an order of the board ~~denying a license or~~  
15 ~~certificate~~ **ISSUED** under the authority granted by subsection A of this  
16 section ~~is entitled to~~ **MAY REQUEST** an administrative hearing pursuant to  
17 title 41, chapter 6, article 10.

18           D. If the board finds, after affording an opportunity to request an  
19 administrative hearing **PURSUANT TO TITLE 41, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 10**, that a  
20 person who holds ~~an Arizona nursing A~~ license **OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED PURSUANT**  
21 **TO THIS CHAPTER** has committed an act of unprofessional conduct, it may ~~do any~~  
22 ~~of the following:~~ **TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION.**

23           ~~1. Revoke or suspend the license.~~

24           ~~2. Impose a civil penalty.~~

25           ~~3. Censure the licensee.~~

26           ~~4. Place the licensee on probation.~~

27           ~~5. Accept the voluntary surrender of a license.~~

28           E. If the board finds after giving the person an opportunity to  
29 request an administrative hearing **PURSUANT TO TITLE 41, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 10**  
30 that a nurse who practices in this state and is licensed by another  
31 jurisdiction pursuant to section 32-1668 committed an act of unprofessional  
32 conduct, the board may limit, suspend or revoke the privilege of that nurse  
33 to practice in this state.

34           ~~F. If the board finds after affording an opportunity to request an~~  
35 ~~administrative hearing that a certificate holder has committed an act of~~  
36 ~~unprofessional conduct it may do any of the following:~~

37           ~~1. Revoke or suspend the certificate.~~

38           ~~2. Impose a civil penalty.~~

39           ~~3. Accept the voluntary surrender of a certificate.~~

40           ~~G.~~ **F.** If the board determines pursuant to an investigation that  
41 reasonable grounds exist to discipline a person pursuant to subsection D, **OR**  
42 ~~E or F~~ of this section, the board may serve on the licensee or certificate  
43 holder a written notice that states:

1           1. That the board has sufficient evidence that, if not rebutted or  
2 explained, will justify the board in taking disciplinary actions allowed by  
3 this chapter.

4           2. The nature of the allegations asserted and that cites the specific  
5 statutes or rules violated.

6           3. That unless the licensee or certificate holder submits a written  
7 request for a hearing within thirty days after service of the notice by  
8 certified mail, the board may consider the allegations admitted and may take  
9 any disciplinary action allowed pursuant to this chapter without conducting a  
10 hearing.

11           ~~H.~~ G. If the state board of nursing acts to modify any registered  
12 nurse practitioner's prescription writing privileges, it shall immediately  
13 notify the state board of pharmacy of the modification.

14           Sec. 31. Section 32-1663.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
15 read:

16           32-1663.01. Administrative violations; administrative penalty

17           A. The board may sanction any of the following as an administrative  
18 violation rather than as unprofessional conduct and may impose an  
19 administrative penalty of not more than one thousand dollars for ~~either~~ ANY  
20 of the following:

21           1. Failing to timely renew a nursing license or nurse assistant  
22 certificate while continuing to practice nursing or engage in activities or  
23 duties related to nursing.

24           2. Failing to notify the board in writing within thirty days after a  
25 change in ~~residence~~ address.

26           3. ~~FAILING TO RENEW NURSING OR NURSING ASSISTANT PROGRAM APPROVAL AND~~  
27 ~~CONTINUING TO OPERATE THE PROGRAM.~~

28           4. ~~IF THE BOARD ADOPTS A SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO~~  
29 ~~SECTION 41-1091, PRACTICING NURSING WITHOUT A LICENSE.~~

30           B. A ~~person~~ REGULATED PARTY who fails to pay an administrative penalty  
31 as prescribed by this section or to establish a schedule for payment as  
32 prescribed pursuant to section 32-1606, subsection A, paragraph ~~8- 6~~ within  
33 thirty days after notification commits an act of unprofessional conduct and  
34 is subject to disciplinary action.

35           C. The board shall deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147,  
36 all monies collected under this section in the state general fund.

37           Sec. 32. Section 32-1664, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
38 read:

39           32-1664. Investigation; hearing; notice

40           ~~A. The board on its own motion may investigate any evidence that~~  
41 ~~appears to show that a licensee or a certificate holder is or may be guilty~~  
42 ~~of violating this chapter or rules adopted pursuant to this chapter.~~

43           A. IN CONNECTION WITH AN INVESTIGATION, THE BOARD OR ITS DULY  
44 AUTHORIZED AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES MAY OBTAIN ANY DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, RECORDS,  
45 PAPERS, BOOKS AND MATERIALS, INCLUDING HOSPITAL RECORDS, MEDICAL STAFF

1 RECORDS AND MEDICAL STAFF REVIEW COMMITTEE RECORDS, OR ANY OTHER PHYSICAL  
2 EVIDENCE THAT INDICATES THAT A PERSON OR REGULATED PARTY MAY HAVE VIOLATED  
3 THIS CHAPTER OR A RULE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER:

4 1. BY ENTERING THE PREMISES, AT ANY REASONABLE TIME, AND INSPECTING  
5 AND COPYING MATERIALS IN THE POSSESSION OF A REGULATED PARTY AND THAT RELATES  
6 TO NURSING COMPETENCE, UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OR MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITY  
7 OF A LICENSEE TO SAFELY PRACTICE NURSING.

8 2. BY ISSUING A SUBPOENA UNDER THE BOARD'S SEAL TO REQUIRE THE  
9 ATTENDANCE AND TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES OR TO DEMAND THE PRODUCTION FOR  
10 EXAMINATION OR COPYING OF DOCUMENTS OR ANY OTHER PHYSICAL EVIDENCE. WITHIN  
11 FIVE DAYS AFTER A PERSON IS SERVED WITH A SUBPOENA THAT PERSON MAY PETITION  
12 THE BOARD TO REVOKE, LIMIT OR MODIFY THE SUBPOENA. THE BOARD SHALL DO SO IF  
13 IN ITS OPINION THE EVIDENCE REQUIRED DOES NOT RELATE TO UNLAWFUL PRACTICES  
14 COVERED BY THIS CHAPTER, IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE CHARGE THAT IS THE SUBJECT  
15 MATTER OF THE HEARING OR INVESTIGATION OR DOES NOT DESCRIBE WITH SUFFICIENT  
16 PARTICULARITY THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WHOSE PRODUCTION IS REQUIRED.

17 3. BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR THE INFORMATION.

18 4. IN THE CASE OF AN APPLICANT'S OR A REGULATED PARTY'S PERSONAL  
19 MEDICAL RECORDS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 12-2291, BY ANY MEANS PERMITTED BY  
20 THIS SECTION IF THE BOARD EITHER:

21 (a) OBTAINS FROM THE APPLICANT OR REGULATED PARTY, OR THE HEALTH CARE  
22 DECISION MAKER OF THE APPLICANT OR REGULATED PARTY, A WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION  
23 THAT SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF TITLE 12, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 7.1.

24 (b) REASONABLY BELIEVES THAT THE RECORDS RELATE TO INFORMATION ALREADY  
25 IN THE BOARD'S POSSESSION REGARDING THE COMPETENCE, UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OR  
26 MENTAL OR PHYSICAL ABILITY OF THE APPLICANT OR REGULATED PARTY AS IT PERTAINS  
27 TO SAFE PRACTICE. IF THE BOARD ADOPTS A SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT  
28 PURSUANT TO SECTION 41-1091, IT MAY AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR A  
29 DESIGNEE IN THE ABSENCE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION  
30 OF REASONABLE BELIEF.

31 B. A ~~licensee, a certificate holder~~ REGULATED PARTY and a health care  
32 institution as defined in section 36-401 shall, and any other person may,  
33 report to the board any information the licensee, certificate holder, health  
34 care institution or individual may have that appears to show that a ~~licensee~~  
35 ~~or certificate holder~~ REGULATED PARTY OR APPLICANT is, was or may be a threat  
36 to the public health or safety.

37 C. The board retains jurisdiction to proceed with an investigation or  
38 a disciplinary proceeding against a ~~person~~ REGULATED PARTY whose license or  
39 certificate expired not more than five years before the board initiates the  
40 investigation.

41 D. Any ~~licensee, certificate holder~~ REGULATED PARTY, health care  
42 institution or other person that reports or provides information to the board  
43 in good faith is not subject to civil liability. If requested the board  
44 shall not disclose the name of the reporter unless the information is  
45 essential to proceedings conducted pursuant to this section.

1 ~~E. On receipt by the board of a complaint charging a licensee or~~  
2 ~~certificate holder with an act of unprofessional conduct, the board may~~  
3 ~~conduct an investigation of the complaint. For purposes of the~~  
4 ~~investigation, the board may employ investigators.~~

5 E. ANY REGULATED PARTY OR PERSON WHO IS SUBJECT TO AN INVESTIGATION  
6 MAY OBTAIN REPRESENTATION BY COUNSEL.

7 F. ~~For~~ ON DETERMINATION OF reasonable cause the board may require a  
8 licensee or certificate holder to undergo any combination of mental, physical  
9 or psychological examinations or skills evaluations necessary to determine  
10 the person's competence ~~and conduct~~ OR ABILITY TO PRACTICE SAFELY. These  
11 examinations may include bodily fluid testing.

12 G. If after completing its investigation the board finds that the  
13 information provided pursuant to this section is not of sufficient  
14 seriousness to merit ~~direct~~ DISCIPLINARY action against the ~~licensee or~~  
15 ~~certificate holder~~ REGULATED PARTY OR APPLICANT, it may take either of the  
16 following actions:

17 1. Dismiss if in the opinion of the board the information is without  
18 merit.

19 2. File a letter of concern if in the opinion of the board there is  
20 insufficient evidence to support ~~direct~~ DISCIPLINARY action against the  
21 ~~licensee or certificate holder~~ REGULATED PARTY OR APPLICANT but sufficient  
22 evidence for the board to notify ~~that person~~ THE REGULATED PARTY OR APPLICANT  
23 of its concern.

24 H. Except as provided pursuant to section 32-1663, subsection ~~G~~ F and  
25 subsection I of this section, if the investigation in the opinion of the  
26 board reveals reasonable grounds to support the charge, the ~~licensee or~~  
27 ~~certificate holder~~ REGULATED PARTY is entitled to an administrative hearing  
28 pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 10. If notice of the hearing is  
29 served by certified mail, service is complete on the date the notice is  
30 placed in the mail.

31 I. A ~~licensee or certificate holder~~ REGULATED PARTY shall respond in  
32 writing to the board within thirty days after notice of the hearing is served  
33 as prescribed in subsection H of this section. The board ~~shall~~ MAY consider  
34 a ~~person's~~ REGULATED PARTY'S failure to respond within this time as an  
35 admission by default to the allegations stated in the complaint. The board  
36 may then take disciplinary actions allowed by this chapter without conducting  
37 a hearing.

38 J. An administrative law judge or a panel of board members may conduct  
39 hearings pursuant to this section.

40 K. In any matters pending before it, the board may issue subpoenas  
41 under its seal ~~and TO~~ compel the attendance of witnesses. ~~and the production~~  
42 ~~of relevant and necessary papers, books, records, documentary evidence and~~  
43 ~~materials including hospital records, medical staff records and medical staff~~  
44 ~~review committee records. Any person failing to comply with a subpoena may,~~  
45 ~~on application by the board to any superior court judge, be ordered by the~~

1 ~~judge to comply with the subpoena and on failure to comply shall be punished~~  
2 ~~as in the case of disobedience of lawful process issued by the superior~~  
3 ~~court. Subpoenas shall be served by regular or certified mail or in the~~  
4 ~~manner required by the rules of civil procedure for the superior court.~~

5 L. Patient records, including clinical records, medical reports,  
6 laboratory statements and reports, any file, film, other report or oral  
7 statement relating to diagnostic findings or treatment of patients, any  
8 information from which a patient or a patient's family might be identified or  
9 information received and records kept by the board as a result of the  
10 investigation procedure outlined in this chapter are not available to the  
11 public and are not subject to discovery in civil or criminal proceedings.

12 M. Hospital records, medical staff records, medical staff review  
13 committee records, testimony concerning these records and proceedings related  
14 to the creation of these records shall not be available to the public. They  
15 shall be kept confidential by the board and shall be subject to the same  
16 provisions concerning discovery and use in legal actions as are the original  
17 records in the possession and control of hospitals, their medical staffs and  
18 their medical staff review committees. The board shall use these records and  
19 testimony during the course of investigations and proceedings pursuant to  
20 this chapter.

21 N. If the ~~licensee or certificate holder~~ REGULATED PARTY is found to  
22 have committed an act of unprofessional conduct OR TO HAVE VIOLATED THIS  
23 CHAPTER OR A RULE ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER, the board may ~~revoke or~~  
24 ~~suspend the license or the certificate~~ TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

25 O. The board may subsequently issue a denied license or certificate  
26 and may reissue a revoked or ~~suspended~~ VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED license or  
27 ~~a revoked~~ certificate.

28 ~~P. If a complaint is filed with the board against an approved nursing~~  
29 ~~program or an approved nursing assistant training program, the nursing~~  
30 ~~program is entitled to an administrative hearing pursuant to the requirements~~  
31 ~~of section 32-1663, subsection G and subsection H of this section.~~

32 P. ON APPLICATION BY THE BOARD TO ANY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE, A PERSON  
33 WHO WITHOUT JUST CAUSE FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA ISSUED PURSUANT TO  
34 THIS SECTION MAY BE ORDERED BY THE JUDGE TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBPOENA AND  
35 PUNISHED BY THE COURT FOR FAILING TO COMPLY. SUBPOENAS SHALL BE SERVED BY  
36 REGULAR OR CERTIFIED MAIL OR IN THE MANNER REQUIRED BY THE ARIZONA RULES OF  
37 CIVIL PROCEDURE.

38 Q. THE BOARD MAY SHARE INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION THAT IS CONFIDENTIAL  
39 UNDER SUBSECTIONS L AND M OF THIS SECTION WITH OTHER STATE, FEDERAL AND  
40 INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE AGENCIES AND WITH STATE, FEDERAL AND INTERNATIONAL  
41 LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES IF THE RECIPIENT IS SUBJECT TO CONFIDENTIALITY  
42 REQUIREMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION. A DISCLOSURE MADE  
43 BY THE BOARD PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION IS NOT A WAIVER OF THE  
44 CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THIS SECTION.

1           Sec. 33. Section 32-1665, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
2 read:

3           32-1665. Rehearing; judicial review

4           A. Any person aggrieved by an order of the board denying, ~~revoking or~~  
5 ~~suspending~~ a license ~~or a certificate, and any nursing program or nursing~~  
6 ~~assistant training program aggrieved by an order of the board denying,~~  
7 ~~revoking or suspending approval,~~ APPROVAL OR CERTIFICATE AND ANY REGULATED  
8 PARTY WHO IS AGGRIEVED BY A DISCIPLINARY ORDER OF THE BOARD may file a motion  
9 for rehearing or review pursuant to title 41, chapter 6, article 10.

10          B. Except as provided in section 41-1092.08, subsection H, final  
11 decisions of the board are subject to judicial review pursuant to title 12,  
12 chapter 7, article 6.

13          Sec. 34. Section 32-1666, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
14 read:

15          32-1666. Unlawful acts

16          A. It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under  
17 this chapter to:

18           1. Practice or offer to practice ~~professional~~ AS A REGISTERED or  
19 practical ~~nursing~~ NURSE, REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR CLINICAL NURSE  
20 SPECIALIST in this state.

21           2. Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, figures, sign,  
22 card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a  
23 registered NURSE, graduate ~~or~~ NURSE, professional NURSE, NURSE PRACTITIONER,  
24 CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST OR PRACTICAL nurse.

25           3. Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, sign, card or  
26 device to indicate that the person or any other person is ~~a licensed~~  
27 ~~practical nurse or~~ a certified nursing assistant.

28          B. It is unlawful for a person to operate a nursing program or a  
29 nursing assistant training program unless it has been approved under this  
30 chapter.

31          Sec. 35. Section 32-1666.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
32 read:

33          32-1666.01. Cease and desist orders; injunctive relief

34          A. In addition to all other remedies, when it appears to the board,  
35 either upon complaint or otherwise, that any person or nursing program has  
36 violated this chapter or any ~~board~~ rule OR ORDER OF THE BOARD, the board may  
37 ~~through the attorney general or the county attorney of the county in which~~  
38 ~~the violation is alleged to have occurred apply to the superior court in that~~  
39 ~~county for an injunction. The court shall grant a temporary restraining~~  
40 ~~order, a preliminary injunction or a permanent injunction without bond. The~~  
41 ~~attorney general or the county attorney may serve process in the county where~~  
42 ~~it finds the violator or where the nursing program is operating. DO EITHER OF~~  
43 THE FOLLOWING:

44           1. SERVE BY CERTIFIED MAIL OR PERSONAL SERVICE A CEASE AND DESIST  
45 ORDER.

1           2. THROUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR THE COUNTY ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY  
2 IN WHICH THE VIOLATION IS ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED, APPLY TO THE SUPERIOR  
3 COURT IN THAT COUNTY FOR AN INJUNCTION.

4           B. THE COURT SHALL ISSUE A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, A PRELIMINARY  
5 INJUNCTION OR A PERMANENT INJUNCTION WITHOUT BOND.

6           C. SERVICE OF PROCESS MAY BE IN ANY COUNTY OF THIS STATE WHERE THE  
7 VIOLATOR IS FOUND OR IS OPERATING.

8           Sec. 36. Section 32-1669, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
9 read:

10        32-1669. Nurse licensure compact; board jurisdiction;  
11                                   notification requirements; withdrawal from compact

12           A. A person who is extended the privilege to practice in this state  
13 pursuant to the compact adopted pursuant to section 32-1668 is subject to the  
14 same disciplinary requirements prescribed in this chapter, and the board's  
15 investigative and disciplinary powers and procedures apply to a person who  
16 practices in this state pursuant to this compact.

17           B. A person who is extended the privilege to practice in this state  
18 pursuant to the compact adopted pursuant to section 32-1668 may use the title  
19 that is prescribed in section 32-1636 ~~or 32-1641~~ and that is appropriate to  
20 the person's qualifications.

21           C. A person who wishes to engage in the practice of nursing in this  
22 state pursuant to the compact adopted pursuant to section 32-1668 must notify  
23 the board if that person has had a license to practice a health care  
24 profession denied, suspended or revoked in another jurisdiction within the  
25 past five years or if that person has been convicted of a felony for which  
26 the person did not receive an absolute discharge from the sentences at least  
27 five years before the date on which the person applies to practice nursing in  
28 this state pursuant to the compact. A person who violates this subsection  
29 commits an act of unprofessional conduct.

30           D. The governor may withdraw this state from the compact adopted  
31 pursuant to section 32-1668 if the board notifies the governor that another  
32 state that is a party to the compact has changed its licensure requirements  
33 to make them substantially lower than the requirements of this state.

34           Sec. 37. Laws 2004, chapter 121, section 1 is amended to read:

35           Section 1. Pilot study medication technicians; pilot program

36           A. The state board of nursing may establish a pilot program to  
37 determine the impact to patient health and safety of allowing nursing  
38 assistants certified pursuant to title 32, chapter 15, ARIZONA REVISED  
39 STATUTES, and acting as pilot study medication technicians to administer  
40 medications under educational requirements and conditions prescribed by the  
41 board.

42           B. The board may conduct the pilot program in not more than six  
43 skilled nursing facilities. Acute and sub-acute patients ~~shall be~~ ARE  
44 excluded from this ~~study~~ PILOT PROGRAM.

1 C. Except as provided in this subsection, nursing facilities  
2 participating in the pilot program shall not replace existing registered  
3 nurse and licensed practical nurse positions with certified nursing  
4 assistants or pilot study medication technicians. The department of health  
5 services and board may authorize, as part of the pilot program, adjustments  
6 to nursing staff mix as necessary to conduct an evidence based study to  
7 determine the impact of varying staffing models ~~upon~~ ON patient health and  
8 safety. Facilities participating in the pilot program shall not violate  
9 state or federal laws relative to the adequacy of nursing coverage.

10 D. The pilot program must include delegation and supervision protocols  
11 regarding which medications the pilot study medication technicians may and  
12 shall not administer and under what conditions. The protocols shall prohibit  
13 medication technicians from administering any medication or fluid by  
14 needle. The protocols must give registered nurses and licensed practical  
15 nurses the authority to refuse to delegate the administration of medication  
16 to pilot study medication technicians if a nurse believes that patient health  
17 and safety is at risk.

18 E. The board may adopt policies prescribing the education and training  
19 requirements for certified nursing assistants participating in the pilot  
20 program as pilot study medication technicians.

21 F. The board is authorized to charge the participating facilities and  
22 pilot study medication technicians an assessment to implement ~~the provisions~~  
23 ~~of~~ this section.

24 ~~G. The board must complete the pilot program on or before December 1,~~  
25 ~~2008.~~

26 ~~H.~~ G. For the purposes of this act, the state board of nursing is  
27 exempt from rulemaking with regard to adopting policies to assist in the  
28 implementation of this act. The board shall hold public hearings to review,  
29 discuss and adopt the proposed policies.

30 ~~I.~~ H. The board shall submit a written report on or before December  
31 1, 2008 to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the  
32 house of representatives regarding the results of the pilot program and  
33 recommendations for any administrative or legislative action. The board  
34 shall provide a copy of the report to the secretary of state and the director  
35 of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

36 Sec. 38. Laws 2004, chapter 121, section 2 is amended to read:

37 Sec. 2. Delayed repeal

38 ~~This act~~ LAWS 2004, CHAPTER 121 is repealed from and after September  
39 30, ~~2009~~ 2011.

40 Sec. 39. Retroactivity

41 Laws 2004, chapter 121, section 1, as amended by this act, applies  
42 retroactively to December 1, 2008.