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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF NURSING.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that it is in the  
2 interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of  
3 the State that the practice of nursing be subject to regulation  
4 and controls to assure that nurses at all levels are qualified  
5 and competent and that only qualified persons are permitted to  
6 engage in the practice of nursing. The legislature further  
7 finds that the practice of nursing, as defined in this Act,  
8 merits the confidence of the public. The legislature recognizes  
9 that the practice of nursing is continually evolving in response  
10 to changes within the health care system.

11           SECTION 2. Chapter 457, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended by adding six new sections to be appropriately  
13 designated and to read as follows:

14           "§457- Practice of nursing. (a) Nursing is a  
15 scientific process founded on a body of professional knowledge.  
16 It is a learned profession based on an understanding of the  
17 human condition across the lifespan of a client and the  
18 relationship of a client with others and within the environment.



1 It is also an art dedicated to caring for others. The practice  
2 of nursing means assisting clients in attaining or maintaining  
3 optimal health, implementing a strategy of care to accomplish  
4 defined goals within the context of a client-centered health  
5 care plan, and evaluating responses to nursing care and  
6 treatment. Nursing is a dynamic discipline that is continually  
7 evolving to include more sophisticated knowledge, technologies,  
8 and client care activities. Nursing applies evidence-based  
9 practice to promote optimal client outcomes.

10 (b) The scope of nursing practices established in this  
11 chapter and by the rules of the board shall serve as general  
12 guidelines and are not intended to address the appropriateness  
13 of the use of specific procedures in any particular work setting  
14 or to grant permission to implement specific procedures in any  
15 particular work setting.

16 §457- Application of National Council of State Boards of  
17 Nursing Model Nursing Practice Act and Model Nursing

18 Administrative Rules. (a) In accordance with chapter 91, the  
19 board shall adopt the provisions of the NCSBN Model Nursing  
20 Practice Act and Model Nursing Administrative Rules relating to  
21 the scope and standards of nursing practice for registered  
22 nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced practice



1 registered nurses and shall adopt any subsequent modifications  
2 adopted by the Delegate Assembly of the NCSBN; provided that the  
3 board shall not be required to adopt rules or provisions that  
4 the board finds are inappropriate or inapplicable.

5 (b) If the board finds that any rule or provision of the  
6 NCSBN is inappropriate or inapplicable, the board shall state  
7 clearly in the record of the board's proceedings the board's  
8 rationale for rejecting or modifying the NCSBN's model rules.

9 (c) The NCSBN shall have no legal authority over the board  
10 and shall have no legal authority or powers of oversight of the  
11 board in the exercise of its powers and duties authorized by  
12 law.

13 §457- Registered nurse. Practice as a registered nurse  
14 means the full scope of nursing, regardless of compensation or  
15 personal profit, that incorporates caring for all clients in all  
16 settings and is guided by the scope of practice authorized by  
17 this chapter, the rules of the board, and nursing standards  
18 established or recognized by the board including but not limited  
19 to:

20 (1) The National Council of State Boards of Nursing Model  
21 Nursing Practice Act, Article II, Scope of Nursing  
22 Practice, Section 2; and



1           (2) The National Council of State Boards of Nursing Model  
2           Nursing Administrative Rules, Chapter Two, Standards  
3           of Nursing Practice, Sections 2.2.2 through 2.2.6;  
4 provided that NCSBN shall have no legal authority over the board  
5 and shall have no legal authority or powers of oversight of the  
6 board in the exercise of its powers and duties authorized by  
7 law.

8           §457- Licensed practical nurse. Practice as a licensed  
9 practical nurse means the directed scope of nursing practice,  
10 regardless of compensation or personal profit, that takes place  
11 under the direction of a registered nurse, advanced practice  
12 registered nurse, licensed physician, or other health care  
13 provider authorized by the State, and is guided by the scope of  
14 practice authorized by this chapter, the rules of the board, and  
15 nursing standards established or recognized by the board  
16 including but not limited to:

17           (1) The National Council of State Boards of Nursing Model  
18           Nursing Practice Act, Article II, Scope of Nursing  
19           Practice, Section 3; and

20           (2) The National Council of State Boards of Nursing Model  
21           Nursing Administrative Rules, Chapter Two, Standards  
22           of Nursing Practice, Sections 2.3.1 through 2.3.3;

1 provided that NCSBN shall have no legal authority over the board  
2 and shall have no legal authority or powers of oversight of the  
3 board in the exercise of its powers and duties authorized by  
4 law.

5 §457- Advanced practice registered nurse. (a) Practice  
6 as an advanced practice registered nurse means the scope of  
7 nursing in a category approved by the board, regardless of  
8 compensation or personal profit, and includes the registered  
9 nurse scope of practice. The scope of an advanced practice  
10 registered nurse includes but is not limited to advanced  
11 assessment and the diagnosis, prescription, selection, and  
12 administration of therapeutic measures including over the  
13 counter drugs, legend drugs, and controlled substances within  
14 the advanced practice registered nurse's role and specialty-  
15 appropriate education and certification.

16 (b) The advanced practice registered nurse's scope of  
17 practice supersedes the registered nurse's scope of practice.  
18 Advanced practice registered nurses shall practice within  
19 standards established or recognized by the board and be guided  
20 by the scope of practice authorized by this chapter, the rules  
21 of the board, and nursing standards established or recognized by  
22 the board including but not limited to:



1           (1) The National Council of State Boards of Nursing Model  
2           Nursing Practice Act, Article II, Scope of Nursing  
3           Practice, Section 4; and

4           (2) The National Council of State Boards of Nursing Model  
5           Nursing Administrative Rules, Chapter Two, Standards  
6           of Nursing Practice, Section 2.4.1;

7 provided that NCSBN shall have no legal authority over the board  
8 and shall have no legal authority or powers of oversight of the  
9 board in the exercise of its powers and duties authorized by  
10 law.

11           (c) An advanced practice registered nurse shall comply  
12 with the requirements of this chapter; recognize limits of the  
13 advanced practice registered nurse's knowledge and experience  
14 and planning for the management of situations that exceed the  
15 scope of authorized practice; and consult with or refer clients  
16 to other health care providers, as appropriate.

17           §457- Delegation. (a) A registered nurse may delegate  
18 nursing care tasks, functions, and activities to unlicensed  
19 assistive personnel in a manner that is appropriate to the level  
20 of knowledge and skill of the unlicensed assistive personnel;  
21 provided that the delegation of tasks, functions, and activities  
22 complies with applicable federal and state laws; and provided



1 further that the practice-pervasive functions of assessment,  
2 evaluation, and nursing judgment shall not be delegated.

3 (b) The delegating nurse is responsible for individually  
4 assessing the patient and the situational circumstances and for  
5 ascertaining the competence of the delegatee before delegating  
6 any task, function, or activity. The delegating nurse shall  
7 supervise, monitor, evaluate, and follow-up on instructions to a  
8 delegatee after delegating any task, function, or activity. The  
9 delegatee shall assume liability for accepting the delegation  
10 and for the delegatee's own actions in carrying out the  
11 delegated task, function, or activity.

12 (c) When delegating a task, function, or activity, a  
13 delegating nurse shall use the NCSBN delegation decision-making  
14 process as a model for decision-making. The delegating nurse  
15 shall consider and carefully analyze:

- 16 (1) Patient needs and circumstances;  
17 (2) Qualifications of the proposed delegatee;  
18 (3) The nature of the delegating nurse's delegation  
19 authority set forth in this chapter;  
20 (4) The delegating nurse's personal competence in the area  
21 of nursing relevant to the task, function, or activity  
22 to be delegated; and



1       (5) The protocols contained in NCSBN documents, including  
2       but not limited to: Five Rights of Delegation,  
3       Delegation-Decision Making Tree, and The Continuum of  
4       Care Framework."

5       SECTION 3. Section 329-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6       amended by amending the definition of "advanced practice  
7       registered nurse with prescriptive authority" to read as  
8       follows:

9       "Advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive  
10      authority" means a person licensed under section 457-8.6 who is  
11      registered under this chapter to administer or prescribe a  
12      controlled substance[-]; provided that an advanced practice  
13      registered nurse with prescriptive authority shall not be  
14      authorized to request, receive, or sign for professional  
15      controlled substance samples."

16      SECTION 4. Section 329-121, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17      amended by amending the definition of "physician" to read as  
18      follows:

19      "Physician" means a person who is licensed to practice  
20      ~~[medicine or osteopathic medicine]~~ under chapter 453 and is  
21      licensed with authority to prescribe drugs and is registered  
22      under section 329-32. "Physician" does not include physician's





1 assistant or advanced practice registered nurse with  
2 prescriptive authority as described in section 453-5.3 or [an  
3 ~~advanced practice registered nurse with prescriptive authority~~  
4 ~~as described in section]~~ 457-8.6."

5 SECTION 5. Section 457-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "§457-2 Definitions. (a) As used in this chapter unless  
8 the content otherwise requires:

9 "Advanced practice registered nurse" means a registered  
10 nurse who has met the qualifications for advanced practice  
11 registered nurse set forth in this chapter and through rules of  
12 the board, which shall include educational requirements.

13 "Board" means the state board of nursing.

14 "NCsbn" means the National Council of State Boards of  
15 Nursing.

16 "Nurse" means a person licensed under this chapter or a  
17 person who holds a license under the laws of another state or  
18 territory of the United States that is equivalent to a license  
19 under this chapter.

20 "Telehealth" means the use of electronic information and  
21 telecommunication technologies to support long-distance clinical  
22 health care, patient and professional health-related education,



1 public health and health administration, to the extent that it  
2 relates to nursing.

3 "The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse"  
4 means the performance of those acts commensurate with the  
5 required educational preparation and demonstrated competency of  
6 the individual, whereby the individual shall be accountable and  
7 responsible to the consumer for the quality of nursing care  
8 rendered. The foregoing may include, but shall not be limited  
9 to[~~7~~]: implementation of basic nursing procedures in the plan of  
10 care; [~~œ~~] observing and caring for individuals at all levels of  
11 the health spectrum, giving counsel and acting to safeguard life  
12 and health and functioning as a part of the health care team,  
13 under the direction of a dentist, [~~medical doctor or osteopath,~~]  
14 physician, osteopathic physician, registered nurse, or  
15 podiatrist licensed in accordance with chapter 448, 453, 457, or  
16 463E; [~~œ~~] administration of treatment and medication as  
17 prescribed; [~~œ~~] promotion of health maintenance of individuals,  
18 families, or groups; or teaching and supervision of auxiliary  
19 personnel.

20 "The practice of nursing as a registered nurse" means the  
21 performance of professional services commensurate with the  
22 educational preparation and demonstrated competency of the



1 individual having specialized knowledge, judgment, and skill  
2 based on the principles of the biological, physical, behavioral,  
3 and sociological sciences and nursing theory, whereby the  
4 individual shall be accountable and responsible to the consumer  
5 for the quality of nursing care rendered. The foregoing may  
6 include ~~[7]~~ but shall not be limited to ~~[7]~~ observation,  
7 assessment, development, implementation, and evaluation of a  
8 plan of care, health counseling, supervision and teaching of  
9 other personnel, and teaching of individuals, families, and  
10 groups in any stage of health or illness; ~~[ex]~~ administration,  
11 supervision, coordination, delegation, and evaluation of nursing  
12 practice; ~~[or provisions]~~ provision of health care to the  
13 patient in collaboration with other members of the health care  
14 team as autonomous health care professionals providing the  
15 nursing component of health care; or utilization of reasonable  
16 judgment in carrying out prescribed medical orders of a licensed  
17 dentist, ~~[medical doctor or osteopath,~~ physician, osteopathic  
18 physician, or podiatrist licensed in accordance with chapter  
19 448, 453, or 463E or the orders of an advanced practice  
20 registered nurse recognized in accordance with this chapter.

21 (b) Definitions applicable to this chapter shall also  
22 include those used in the NCSBN Model Nursing Practice Act and



1 the Model Nursing Administrative Rules unless the context  
 2 otherwise requires. Where a definition in the NCSBN Model  
 3 Nursing Practice Act or Model Nursing Administrative Rules  
 4 conflicts with a definition in chapter 457 or 436B, the  
 5 definitions contained in chapter 457 or 436B and the rules of  
 6 the board shall apply."

7 SECTION 6. Title 16, chapter 89C, Hawaii Administrative  
 8 Rules, shall be repealed upon the state board of nursing's  
 9 adoption of rules relating to advanced practice registered nurse  
 10 prescriptive authority; provided that section 16-89C-10, Hawaii  
 11 Administrative Rules, relating to collegial working relationship  
 12 and all other references to collegial working relationship in  
 13 title 16, chapter 89C, Hawaii Administrative Rules, shall be  
 14 repealed upon the effective date of this Act.

15 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
 16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.  
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**Report Title:**

Practice of Nursing; Advanced Practice Registered Nurse;  
Registered Nurse; Licensed Practical Nurse

**Description:**

Defines the practice of nursing; directs the state board of nursing to adopt certain provisions of the NCSBN Model Nursing Practice Act and Model Nursing Administrative Rules; delineates the scope of practice for registered nurses, licensed practical nurses, and advanced practice registered nurses; repeals Hawaii Administrative Rules relating to prescriptive authority for advanced practice registered nurses and amends the definition of "advanced practice nurse with prescriptive authority" to reflect this. (SD2)

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