

SENATE BILL NO. 205—SENATORS LESLIE AND HARDY

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN MASTROLUCA,  
CARLTON; AND BOBZIEN

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Labor and Energy

SUMMARY—Requires national certification for a registered nurse to receive a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing. (BDR 54-84)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to nursing; requiring national certification for a registered nurse to receive a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

- 1 Under existing law, the State Board of Nursing is authorized to grant a
- 2 certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing to a registered
- 3 nurse who meets certain requirements. (NRS 632.237) This bill adds the
- 4 requirement that to obtain a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of
- 5 nursing in Nevada the registered nurse must be certified as an advanced practitioner
- 6 of nursing by a nationally recognized certification agency effective July 1, 2014.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 632.237 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 2 632.237 1. The Board may grant a certificate of recognition
- 3 as an advanced practitioner of nursing to a registered nurse who
- 4 ~~has~~ :
- 5 (a) *Has* completed an educational program designed to prepare a
- 6 registered nurse to:



~~[(a)]~~ (1) Perform designated acts of medical diagnosis;  
~~[(b)]~~ (2) Prescribe therapeutic or corrective measures; and  
~~[(c)]~~ (3) Prescribe controlled substances, poisons, dangerous  
drugs and devices ~~;~~

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(b) *Submits proof that he or she is certified as an advanced  
practitioner of nursing by the American Board of Nursing  
Specialties, the National Commission for Certifying Agencies of  
the Institute for Credentialing Excellence, or their successor  
organizations, or any other nationally recognized certification  
agency approved by the Board;* and ~~[who meets the]~~

(c) Meets any other requirements established by the Board for  
such certification.

2. An advanced practitioner of nursing may:

(a) Engage in selected medical diagnosis and treatment; and

(b) If authorized pursuant to NRS 639.2351, prescribe controlled  
substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices,

↪ pursuant to a protocol approved by a collaborating physician. A  
protocol must not include and an advanced practitioner of nursing  
shall not engage in any diagnosis, treatment or other conduct which  
the advanced practitioner of nursing is not qualified to perform.

3. The Board shall adopt regulations:

(a) Specifying ~~[the]~~ *any additional* training, education and  
experience necessary for certification as an advanced practitioner of  
nursing.

(b) Delineating the authorized scope of practice of an advanced  
practitioner of nursing.

(c) Establishing the procedure for application for certification as  
an advanced practitioner of nursing.

**Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2014.

