

Senate Bill No. 205—Senators Leslie and Hardy

Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Mastroluca,
Carlton; and Bobzien

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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:

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

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

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

Section 1. NRS 632.237 is hereby amended to read as follows:
632.237 1. The Board may grant a certificate of recognition as an advanced practitioner of nursing to a registered nurse who ~~has~~:

(a) ***Has*** completed an educational program designed to prepare a 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) ***Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4, 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.

4. The provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection 1 do not apply to an advanced practitioner of nursing who obtains a certificate of recognition before July 1, 2014.

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

