

IN THE SENATE

SENATE BILL NO. 1261

BY HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO NURSES; AMENDING SECTION 54-1404, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE THAT
2 THE BOARD OF NURSING SHALL HAVE THE POWER AND DUTY TO EVALUATE AND DE-
3 VELOP, OR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS WITH OTHERS TO EVALUATE
4 AND DEVELOP, THE EDUCATION, DISTRIBUTION AND AVAILABILITY OF THE NURS-
5 ING WORKFORCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE DELIVERY OF QUALITY
6 HEALTH CARE AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION.
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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

9 SECTION 1. That Section 54-1404, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
10 amended to read as follows:

11 54-1404. BOARD OF NURSING -- POWERS AND DUTIES. The board shall have
12 all powers and duties necessary and incident to regulation of nursing and to
13 enforcement of this chapter, including, but not limited to, the power and
14 duty:

15 (1) To regulate individuals designated as certified medication assis-
16 tants.

17 (2) To license qualified persons for practice of nursing in Idaho; to
18 renew licenses; to limit, restrict, amend, deny, suspend or revoke licenses;
19 and to accept the voluntary surrender of a license;

20 (3) To establish standards, criteria, conditions and requirements for
21 licensure and to investigate and determine eligibility and qualifications
22 for licensure, and to administer examinations for licensure;

23 (4) To establish standards of conduct and practice and to regulate the
24 use of titles, abbreviations and designations for the practice of nursing;

25 (5) To establish standards, criteria, and requirements for curricula
26 for nursing education programs and to evaluate, survey, review and approve
27 nursing education programs subject to the provisions of section 54-1406,
28 Idaho Code;

29 (6) To evaluate continuing competency of persons licensed pursuant to
30 this chapter and to develop standards which will advance the competency of
31 licensees in accordance with developing scientific understanding and meth-
32 ods relating to the practice of nursing;

33 (7) To receive and collect license and renewal fees assessed pursuant
34 to this chapter and to assess, receive and collect additional reasonable
35 fees for the administration of examinations, investigations and evaluations
36 of applicants, issuance of temporary licenses, duplication and verifica-
37 tion of records, surveying and evaluating nursing education programs, and
38 administrative fines not to exceed one hundred dollars (\$100) for each count
39 or separate offense of practicing nursing without current licensure, to be
40 deposited in the state board of nursing account in the manner provided by
41 this chapter;

1 (8) To employ personnel necessary to administer this chapter and rules
2 promulgated pursuant to this chapter and perform such other duties as the
3 board may require. Such personnel shall include an executive director, who
4 shall be currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Idaho and
5 who shall not be a member of the board;

6 (9) To maintain a record of board proceedings, annually report to the
7 governor and maintain a public register of names and addresses of licensed
8 nurses;

9 (10) To enter into interstate compacts, contracts or agreements to fa-
10 cilitate the practice and regulation of nursing in this state;

11 (11) To evaluate and develop, or to enter into contracts or agreements
12 with others to evaluate and develop, the education, distribution and avail-
13 ability of the nursing workforce for the purpose of improving the delivery of
14 quality health care;

15 (12) To make, adopt and publish rules pursuant to chapter 52, title 67,
16 Idaho Code, as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions
17 and purposes of this chapter.