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SYNOPSIS
Prohibits use of “Nurse” title by unlicensed person.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. Section 15 of P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-37) is amended to read as follows:

15. Violations of the act. It shall be unlawful for any person (including any corporation, partnership, association or individual):

a. After September 1, 1956, to practice or offer to practice professional nursing as defined by this act, unless such person holds an effective, unsuspended license as a registered nurse under this act; or

b. After September 1, 1959, to practice or offer to practice practical nursing or to represent that such person is a practical nurse unless such person holds an effective, unsuspended license as a practical nurse under this act; or

c. To represent in any way that such person is a registered nurse or to use the title “Nurse” or to use after his or her name the abbreviation “R.N.” unless such person holds an effective, unsuspended license as a professional nurse under this act; or

d. To represent in any way that such person is licensed as a practical nurse or to use the title “Nurse” or “Licensed Practical Nurse” or to use after his or her name the abbreviation “L.P.N.” unless such person holds an effective, unsuspended license as a practical nurse under this act; or

e. To conduct or to represent in any way that such person conducts a school for professional nursing, unless such person holds an affective, unsuspended certificate of accreditation under this act; or

f. After January 1, 1950, to conduct or to represent in any way that such person conducts a school for practical nursing unless such person holds the subsisting, unsuspended approval of the board; or

g. To obtain or attempt to obtain by fraud a license or renewal thereof or a certificate of accreditation or a renewal thereof under this act; or

h. To represent in any way that such person is authorized to issue a license for the practice of professional nursing or practical nursing or a certificate of accreditation for a school of professional nursing; or

i. To transfer, offer to transfer, or permit the use by another of any license issued under this act; or

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.
j. Without the approval of the board, to transfer, offer to
transfer, or permit the use by another of a certificate of
accreditation issued under this act; or

k. Otherwise to violate any provision of this act; or

l. To aid or abet any person to violate any provision of this act.

Every person violating any of the foregoing provisions of this
section shall be subject to a penalty of $200.00 for each violation,
and if after conviction as hereinafter provided such person shall
again violate any provision of this act, such person shall be subject
to a penalty of $500.00 for each subsequent offense. A voluntary
payment of a penalty for a violation of any provision of this act
shall be deemed to be a conviction rendering such person liable for
the greater penalty for subsequent violations, and the continuation
of an offense after conviction shall be deemed to be a subsequent
offense.

(cf: P.L.1957, c.235, s.3)

2. Section 7 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-46) is amended to
read as follows:

7. a. (1) No person shall practice as an advanced practice
nurse or present, call or represent himself as an advanced practice
nurse unless certified in accordance with section 8 or 9 of

(2) Nothing in this act shall be construed to limit, preclude, or
otherwise interfere with the practices of other persons licensed by
appropriate agencies of the State of New Jersey, provided that such
duties are consistent with the accepted standards of the person's
profession and the person does not represent himself as an advanced
practice nurse.

b. No person shall assume, represent himself as, or use the title
or designation advanced practice nurse, the title "Nurse," or the
abbreviation "A.P.N." or any other title or designation which
indicates or implies that he is an advanced practice nurse unless
certified pursuant to section 8 or 9 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-47
or 45:11-48).

c. Whenever the titles or designations "nurse practitioner,"
"clinical nurse specialist" or "nurse practitioner/clinical nurse
specialist" occur or any reference is made thereto in any law,
contract or document, the same shall be deemed to mean or refer to
the title or designation "advanced practice nurse."

(cf: P.L.1999, c.85, s.5)

3. This act shall take effect immediately.
This bill includes the title “Nurse” among the titles, designations, or abbreviations that a person is prohibited by law to use unless the person is licensed as a professional nurse, practical nurse, or advanced practice nurse under P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23 et seq.) or P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-45 et al.).