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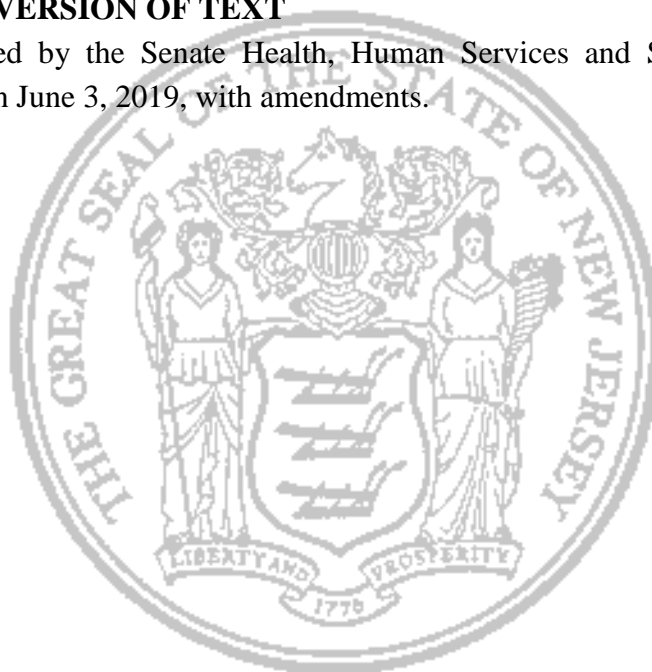
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**SYNOPSIS**

“Consumer Access to Health Care Act”; eliminates requirement of joint protocol with physician for advanced practice nurses to prescribe medication.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on June 3, 2019, with amendments.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/6/2019)**

1 AN ACT concerning advanced practice nurses and designated as the  
2 “Consumer Access to Health Care Act,” and amending and  
3 repealing parts of the statutory law.

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

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8 <sup>1</sup>[1. Section 1 of P.L.1947, c.262 (C.45:11-23) is amended to  
9 read as follows:

10 1. As used in this act:

11 a. The words “the board” mean the New Jersey Board of  
12 Nursing created by this act.

13 b. The practice of nursing as a registered professional nurse is  
14 defined as diagnosing and treating human responses to actual or  
15 potential physical and emotional health problems, through such  
16 services as casefinding, health teaching, health counseling, and  
17 provision of care supportive to or restorative of life and well-being,  
18 and executing medical regimens as prescribed by a licensed or  
19 otherwise legally authorized physician or dentist. Diagnosing in the  
20 context of nursing practice means the identification of and  
21 discrimination between physical and psychosocial signs and  
22 symptoms essential to effective execution and management of the  
23 nursing regimen within the scope of practice of the registered  
24 professional nurse. Such diagnostic privilege is distinct from a  
25 medical diagnosis. Treating means selection and performance of  
26 those therapeutic measures essential to the effective management  
27 and execution of the nursing regimen. Human responses means  
28 those signs, symptoms, and processes which denote the individual’s  
29 health need or reaction to an actual or potential health problem.

30 The practice of nursing as a licensed practical nurse is defined as  
31 performing tasks and responsibilities within the framework of  
32 casefinding; reinforcing the patient and family teaching program  
33 through health teaching, health counseling, and provision of  
34 supportive and restorative care, under the direction of a registered  
35 nurse or licensed or otherwise legally authorized physician or  
36 dentist.

37 The terms “nursing,” “professional nursing,” and “practical  
38 nursing” as used in this act shall not be construed to include nursing  
39 by students enrolled in a school of nursing accredited or approved  
40 by the board performed in the prescribed course of study and  
41 training, nor nursing performed in hospitals, institutions, and  
42 agencies approved by the board for this purpose by graduates of  
43 such schools pending the results of the first licensing examination  
44 scheduled by the board following completion of a course of study  
45 and training and the attaining of age qualification for examination,

**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.**

**Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:**

**<sup>1</sup>Senate SHH committee amendments adopted June 3, 2019.**

1 or thereafter with the approval of the board in the case of each  
2 individual pending results of subsequent examinations; nor shall  
3 any of said terms be construed to include nursing performed for a  
4 period not exceeding 12 months unless the board shall approve a  
5 longer period, in hospitals, institutions, or agencies by a nurse  
6 legally qualified under the laws of another state or country, pending  
7 results of an application for licensing under this act, if such nurse  
8 does not represent or hold himself or herself out as a nurse licensed  
9 to practice under this act; nor shall any of said terms be construed to  
10 include the practice of nursing in this State by any legally qualified  
11 nurse of another state whose engagement made outside of this State  
12 requires such nurse to accompany and care for the patient while in  
13 this State during the period of such engagement, not to exceed six  
14 months in this State, if such nurse does not represent or hold  
15 himself [or herself] out as a nurse licensed to practice in this State;  
16 nor shall any of said terms be construed to include nursing  
17 performed by employees or officers of the United States  
18 Government or any agency or service thereof while in the discharge  
19 of his [or her] official duties; nor shall any of said terms be  
20 construed to include services performed by [nurses] nurses' aides,  
21 attendants, orderlies and ward helpers in hospitals, institutions, and  
22 agencies or by technicians, physiotherapists, or medical secretaries,  
23 and such duties performed by said persons aforementioned shall not  
24 be subject to rules or regulations which the board may prescribe  
25 concerning nursing; nor shall any of said terms be construed to  
26 include first aid nursing assistance, or gratuitous care by friends or  
27 members of the family of a sick or infirm person, or incidental care  
28 of the sick by a person employed primarily as a domestic or  
29 housekeeper, notwithstanding that the occasion for such  
30 employment may be sickness, if such incidental care does not  
31 constitute professional nursing and such person does not claim or  
32 purport to be a licensed nurse; nor shall any of said terms be  
33 construed to include services rendered in accordance with the  
34 practice of the religious tenets of any well-recognized church or  
35 denomination which subscribes to the art of healing by prayer. A  
36 person who is otherwise qualified shall not be denied licensure as a  
37 professional nurse or practical nurse by reason of the circumstances  
38 that such person is in religious life and has taken a vow of poverty.

39 c. "Homemaker-home health aide" means a person who is  
40 employed by a home care services agency and who is performing  
41 delegated nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the  
42 authority of a duly licensed registered professional nurse. "Home  
43 care services agency" means home health agencies, assisted living  
44 residences, comprehensive personal care homes, assisted living  
45 programs or alternate family care sponsor agencies licensed by the  
46 Department of Health [and Senior Services] pursuant to P.L.1971,  
47 c.136 (C.26:2H-1 et al.), nonprofit homemaker-home health aide  
48 agencies, and health care service firms regulated by the Director of

1 the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and  
2 Public Safety and the Attorney General pursuant to P.L.1989,  
3 c.331 (C.34:8-43 et seq.) and P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.)  
4 respectively, which are engaged in the business of procuring or  
5 offering to procure employment for homemaker-home health aides,  
6 where a fee may be exacted, charged, or received directly or  
7 indirectly for procuring or offering to procure that employment.

8 d. “Advanced practice nurse” means a person who holds a  
9 certification in accordance with section 8 or 9 of P.L.1991,  
10 c.377 (C.45:11-47 or 45:11-48).

11 e. **【**“Collaborating physician” means a person licensed to  
12 practice medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 9 of Title 45 of  
13 the Revised Statutes who agrees to work with an advanced practice  
14 nurse.**】** (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before the  
15 Legislature as this bill)

16 f. “Collaborating provider” means a physician licensed to  
17 practice medicine and surgery pursuant to chapter 9 of Title 45 of  
18 the Revised Statutes or an advanced practice nurse issued a  
19 certification pursuant to section 8 or 9 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-  
20 47 or 45:11-48).

21 g. “Global signature authority” means the authority of an  
22 advanced practice nurse to sign, stamp, verify, or endorse a  
23 document which requires the signature, stamp, verification, or  
24 endorsement of a physician.

25 Nothing in this act shall confer the authority to a person licensed  
26 to practice nursing to practice another health profession as currently  
27 defined in Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

28 (cf: P.L.2004, c.122, s.1)**】**<sup>1</sup>

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11 The terms "nursing," "professional nursing," and "practical  
12 nursing" as used in this act shall not be construed to include nursing  
13 by students enrolled in a school of nursing accredited or approved  
14 by the board performed in the prescribed course of study and  
15 training, nor nursing performed in hospitals, institutions and  
16 agencies approved by the board for this purpose by graduates of  
17 such schools pending the results of the first licensing examination  
18 scheduled by the board following completion of a course of study  
19 and training and the attaining of age qualification for examination,  
20 or thereafter with the approval of the board in the case of each  
21 individual pending results of subsequent examinations; nor shall  
22 any of said terms be construed to include nursing performed for a  
23 period not exceeding 12 months unless the board shall approve a  
24 longer period, in hospitals, institutions or agencies by a nurse  
25 legally qualified under the laws of another state or country, pending  
26 results of an application for licensing under this act, if such nurse  
27 does not represent or hold himself or herself out as a nurse licensed  
28 to practice under this act; nor shall any of said terms be construed to  
29 include the practice of nursing in this State by any legally qualified  
30 nurse of another state whose engagement made outside of this State  
31 requires such nurse to accompany and care for the patient while in  
32 this State during the period of such engagement, not to exceed six  
33 months in this State, if such nurse does not represent or hold  
34 himself or herself out as a nurse licensed to practice in this State;  
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36 performed by employees or officers of the United States  
37 Government or any agency or service thereof while in the discharge  
38 of his or her official duties; nor shall any of said terms be construed  
39 to include services performed by nurses aides, attendants, orderlies  
40 and ward helpers in hospitals, institutions and agencies or by  
41 technicians, physiotherapists, or medical secretaries, and such  
42 duties performed by said persons aforementioned shall not be  
43 subject to rules or regulations which the board may prescribe  
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45 include first aid nursing assistance, or gratuitous care by friends or  
46 members of the family of a sick or infirm person, or incidental care  
47 of the sick by a person employed primarily as a domestic or  
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1 employment may be sickness, if such incidental care does not  
2 constitute professional nursing and such person does not claim or  
3 purport to be a licensed nurse; nor shall any of said terms be  
4 construed to include services rendered in accordance with the  
5 practice of the religious tenets of any well-recognized church or  
6 denomination which subscribes to the art of healing by prayer. A  
7 person who is otherwise qualified shall not be denied licensure as a  
8 professional nurse or practical nurse by reason of the circumstances  
9 that such person is in religious life and has taken a vow of poverty.

10 c. "Homemaker-home health aide" means a person who is  
11 employed by a home care services agency and who is performing  
12 delegated nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the  
13 authority of a duly licensed registered professional nurse. No  
14 homemaker-home health aide shall follow a delegated nursing  
15 regimen or perform tasks which are delegated unless the  
16 homemaker-home health aide is under the supervision of a duly  
17 licensed registered professional nurse provided by the home care  
18 services agency that directly employs the homemaker-home health  
19 aide. "Home care services agency" means home health agencies,  
20 assisted living residences, comprehensive personal care homes,  
21 assisted living programs or alternate family care sponsor agencies  
22 licensed by the Department of Health pursuant to P.L.1971, c.136  
23 (C.26:2H-1 et al.), nonprofit homemaker-home health aide  
24 agencies, and health care service firms regulated by the Director of  
25 the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and  
26 Public Safety and the Attorney General pursuant to P.L.1989, c.331  
27 (C.34:8-43 et seq.) and P.L.1960, c.39 (C.56:8-1 et seq.)  
28 respectively, which are engaged in the business of procuring or  
29 offering to procure employment for homemaker-home health aides,  
30 where a fee may be exacted, charged or received directly or  
31 indirectly for procuring or offering to procure that employment.

32 d. "Advanced practice nurse" means a person who holds a  
33 certification in accordance with section 8 or 9 of P.L.1991, c.377  
34 (C.45:11-47 or 45:11-48).

35 e. "Collaborating **physician** provider" means a **person**  
36 physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to  
37 chapter 9 of Title 45 of the Revised Statutes **who agrees to work**  
38 **with** or an advanced practice nurse issued a certification pursuant  
39 to section 8 or 9 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-47 or C.45:11-48).

40 Nothing in this act shall confer the authority to a person licensed  
41 to practice nursing to practice another health profession as currently  
42 defined in Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.<sup>1</sup>

43 (cf: P.L.2019, c.48, s.2)

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45 2. Section 10 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-49) is amended to  
46 read as follows:

47 10. a. In addition to all other tasks which a registered  
48 professional nurse may, by law, perform, an advanced practice

1 nurse may manage preventive care services and diagnose and  
2 manage deviations from wellness and long-term illnesses, consistent  
3 with the needs of the patient and within the scope of practice of the  
4 advanced practice nurse, by:

- 5 (1) initiating laboratory and other diagnostic tests;
- 6 (2) prescribing or ordering medications and devices, as  
7 authorized by subsections **[b. and c.] g. and h.** of this section; and
- 8 (3) prescribing or ordering treatments, including referrals to  
9 other licensed health care professionals, and performing specific  
10 procedures in accordance with the provisions of this **[subsection]**  
11 section.

12 b. **[An advanced practice nurse may order medications and**  
13 **devices in the inpatient setting, subject to the following conditions:**

14 (1) the collaborating physician and advanced practice nurse  
15 shall address in the joint protocols whether prior consultation with  
16 the collaborating physician is required to initiate an order for a  
17 controlled dangerous substance;

18 (2) the order is written in accordance with standing orders or  
19 joint protocols developed in agreement between a collaborating  
20 physician and the advanced practice nurse, or pursuant to the  
21 specific direction of a physician;

22 (3) the advanced practice nurse authorizes the order by signing  
23 the nurse's own name, printing the name and certification number,  
24 and printing the collaborating physician's name;

25 (4) the physician is present or readily available through  
26 electronic communications;

27 (5) the charts and records of the patients treated by the advanced  
28 practice nurse are reviewed by the collaborating physician and the  
29 advanced practice nurse within the period of time specified by rule  
30 adopted by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to section 13 of  
31 P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-52);

32 (6) the joint protocols developed by the collaborating physician  
33 and the advanced practice nurse are reviewed, updated, and signed  
34 at least annually by both parties; and

35 (7) the advanced practice nurse has completed six contact hours  
36 of continuing professional education in pharmacology related to  
37 controlled substances, including pharmacologic therapy, addiction  
38 prevention and management, and issues concerning prescription  
39 opioid drugs, including responsible prescribing practices,  
40 alternatives to opioids for managing and treating pain, and the risks  
41 and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion, in accordance  
42 with regulations adopted by the New Jersey Board of Nursing. The  
43 six contact hours shall be in addition to New Jersey Board of  
44 Nursing pharmacology education requirements for advanced  
45 practice nurses related to initial certification and recertification of  
46 an advanced practice nurse as set forth in N.J.A.C.13:37-7.2.]  
47 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. \_\_\_\_\_, c. \_\_\_\_\_) (pending before the  
48 Legislature as this bill)

- 1 c. **【**An advanced practice nurse may prescribe medications and  
2 devices in all other medically appropriate settings, subject to the  
3 following conditions:
- 4 (1) the collaborating physician and advanced practice nurse  
5 shall address in the joint protocols whether prior consultation with  
6 the collaborating physician is required to initiate a prescription for a  
7 controlled dangerous substance;
- 8 (2) the prescription is written in accordance with standing orders  
9 or joint protocols developed in agreement between a collaborating  
10 physician and the advanced practice nurse, or pursuant to the  
11 specific direction of a physician;
- 12 (3) the advanced practice nurse writes the prescription on a New  
13 Jersey Prescription Blank pursuant to P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-40  
14 et seq.), signs the nurse's own name to the prescription and prints  
15 the nurse's name and certification number;
- 16 (4) the prescription is dated and includes the name of the patient  
17 and the name, address, and telephone number of the collaborating  
18 physician;
- 19 (5) the physician is present or readily available through  
20 electronic communications;
- 21 (6) the charts and records of the patients treated by the advanced  
22 practice nurse are periodically reviewed by the collaborating  
23 physician and the advanced practice nurse;
- 24 (7) the joint protocols developed by the collaborating physician  
25 and the advanced practice nurse are reviewed, updated, and signed  
26 at least annually by both parties; and
- 27 (8) the advanced practice nurse has completed six contact hours  
28 of continuing professional education in pharmacology related to  
29 controlled substances, including pharmacologic therapy, addiction  
30 prevention and management, and issues concerning prescription  
31 opioid drugs, including responsible prescribing practices,  
32 alternatives to opioids for managing and treating pain, and the risks  
33 and signs of opioid abuse, addiction, and diversion, in accordance  
34 with regulations adopted by the New Jersey Board of Nursing. The  
35 six contact hours shall be in addition to New Jersey Board of  
36 Nursing pharmacology education requirements for advanced  
37 practice nurses related to initial certification and recertification of  
38 an advanced practice nurse as set forth in N.J.A.C.13:37-7.2.】  
39 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. ) (pending before the  
40 legislature as this bill)
- 41 d. **【**The joint protocols employed pursuant to subsections b.  
42 and c. of this section shall conform with standards adopted by the  
43 Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs pursuant to section 12  
44 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-51) or section 10 of P.L.1999, c.85  
45 (C.45:11-49.2), as applicable.】 (Deleted by amendment, P.L. , c. )  
46 (pending before the legislature as this bill)
- 47 e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2004, c.122.)



1 f. An attending advanced practice nurse may determine and  
2 certify the cause of death of the nurse's patient and execute the  
3 death certification pursuant to R.S.26:6-8 if no collaborating  
4 physician is available to do so and the nurse is the patient's primary  
5 caregiver.

6 g. An advanced practice nurse may order medications and  
7 devices, subject to the following conditions:

8 (1) The advanced practice nurse shall issue a prescription on a  
9 New Jersey Prescription Blank in accordance with the provisions of  
10 P.L.2003, c.280 (C.45:14-40 et seq.), and include on the  
11 prescription blank the advanced practice nurse's signature, printed  
12 name, certification number, and patient information, and any other  
13 information required pursuant to regulations adopted by the New  
14 Jersey Board of Nursing;

15 (2) The advanced practice nurse shall have completed six  
16 contact hours of continuing professional education in pharmacology  
17 related to controlled substances, including pharmacologic therapy  
18 and addiction prevention and management, in accordance with  
19 regulations adopted by the New Jersey Board of Nursing. The six  
20 contact hours shall be in addition to New Jersey Board of Nursing  
21 pharmacology education requirements for advanced practice nurses  
22 related to initial certification and recertification of an advanced  
23 practice nurse as set forth in regulations adopted by the New Jersey  
24 Board of Nursing;

25 (3) The advance practice nurse shall have completed 10 contact  
26 hours of continuing professional education in pharmacology each  
27 biennial period, in accordance with regulations adopted by the New  
28 Jersey Board of Nursing. The 10 contact hours shall be in addition  
29 to New Jersey Board of Nursing requirements for renewal of a  
30 registered professional nursing license, as set forth in regulations  
31 adopted by the board; and

32 (4) An advanced practice nurse with fewer than 24 months or  
33 2,400 hours of licensed, active, advanced nursing practice in an  
34 initial role shall have a formal collaborating agreement with a  
35 collaborating provider. The collaborating agreement shall be  
36 required only with respect to prescribing medications. An advanced  
37 practice nurse subject to this paragraph shall maintain signed and  
38 dated copies of all required collaborating agreements, and shall  
39 notify the board that the requirements of this paragraph have been  
40 met.

41 h. Any provision of State law or regulation that requires the  
42 signature, stamp, verification, affidavit, or endorsement of a  
43 physician shall be deemed to require the signature, stamp,  
44 verification, affidavit, or endorsement of a physician or an advanced  
45 practice nurse, to the extent consistent with the scope of practice of  
46 an advanced practice nurse.

47 (cf: P.L.2017, c.28, s.15)

1       <sup>1</sup>3. Section 13 of P.L.2017, c.341 (C.45:11-49.3) is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3       13. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the  
4 contrary, an advanced practice nurse may dispense narcotic drugs  
5 for maintenance treatment or detoxification treatment if the  
6 advanced practice nurse has met the training and registration  
7 requirements set forth in subsection (g) of 21 U.S.C. s.823. **【An**  
8 advanced practice nurse who is authorized to dispense such drugs  
9 may do so regardless of whether the advanced practice nurse's  
10 collaborating physician has met the training and registration  
11 requirements set forth in subsection (g) of 21 U.S.C. s.823,  
12 provided that the joint protocol established by the advanced practice  
13 nurse and the collaborating physician include the collaborating  
14 physician's written approval for the advanced practice nurse to  
15 dispense the drugs.】

16       b. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
17 an advanced practice nurse **【**, under the joint protocol established  
18 by the advanced practice nurse and the collaborating physician,**】**  
19 may make the determination as to the medical necessity for services  
20 for the treatment of substance use disorder, as provided in P.L.2017,  
21 c.28 (C.17:48-6nn et al.), and may prescribe such services.<sup>1</sup>  
22 (cf: P.L.2017, c.341, s.13)

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24       <sup>1</sup>**【3.】**<sup>4.</sup><sup>1</sup> Section 11 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-50) is  
25 amended to read as follows:

26       11. In addition to such other powers as it may by law possess,  
27 the New Jersey Board of Nursing shall have the following powers  
28 and duties**【;】**:

29       a. To promulgate, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure  
30 Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), rules and regulations to  
31 effectuate the purposes of this act**【**, except for those subjects of  
32 rule-making authority allocated to the Director of the Division of  
33 Consumer Affairs pursuant to section 12 of P.L.1991,  
34 c.377 (C.45:11-51) or to the Commissioner of Health and Senior  
35 Services pursuant to section 13 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-52)**】**;

36       b. To evaluate and pass upon the qualifications of candidates  
37 for certification as advanced practice nurses;

38       c. To evaluate and pass upon national accreditation  
39 organizations and the holders of certificates from those  
40 organizations as necessary to award certificates pursuant to section  
41 9 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-48);

42       d. To establish specialty areas of practice for advanced practice  
43 nurses;

44       e. To take disciplinary action, in accordance with P.L.1978,  
45 c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.) against an advanced practice nurse who  
46 violates the provisions of this act, any regulation promulgated  
47 thereunder, or P.L.1978, c.73 (C.45:1-14 et seq.);

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- 1 f. To approve the examination to be taken by candidates for  
2 certification;
- 3 g. To set standards of professional conduct for advanced  
4 practice\_nurses;
- 5 h. To set fees for examinations, certification, and other services  
6 consistent with section 2 of P.L.1974, c.46 (C.45:1-3.2);
- 7 i. To set standards for and approve continuing education  
8 programs; and
- 9 j. To determine whether the requirements of another state with  
10 respect to certification as an advanced practice nurse are  
11 substantially equivalent to those of this State in accordance with  
12 subsection c. of section 8 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-47).  
13 (cf: P.L.1999, c.85, s.8)

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- 15 <sup>1</sup>**[4.]** 5.<sup>1</sup> The following sections are repealed:  
16 Section 10 of P.L.1999, c.85 (C.45:11-49.2);  
17 Section 12 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-51); and  
18 Section 13 of P.L.1991, c.377 (C.45:11-52).

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- 20 <sup>1</sup>**[5.]** 6.<sup>1</sup> This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth  
21 month next following the date of enactment.