

State of Wisconsin



1995 Assembly Bill 164

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1995 WISCONSIN ACT 146

AN ACT to *renumber* 441.115; to *amend* 441.115 (title); and to *create* 441.115 (2) of the statutes; **relating to:** creating an exception to the nursing licensure requirements for certain persons.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 441.115 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

441.115 (title) **Exceptions; temporary practice.**

SECTION 2. 441.115 of the statutes is renumbered 441.115 (1).

SECTION 3. 441.115 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

441.115 (2) (a) In this subsection, "nursing credential" means a license, permit or certificate of registration or certification that is granted to a person by another state or territory or by a foreign country or province and that authorizes or qualifies the person holding the credential to perform acts that are substantially the same as those performed by a person licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse under this chapter.

(b) A person who holds a current, valid nursing credential may practice professional or practical nursing in this state, as provided under par. (c), for not more than 72 consecutive hours each year without holding a license granted by the board under this chapter if the board determines that the requirements for the nursing credential

that the person holds are substantially equivalent to the requirements for licensure under this chapter. Except in an emergency, the person shall provide to the board, at least 7 days before practicing professional or practical nursing for the person who is specified under par. (c) 2., written notice that includes the name of the person providing notice, the type of nursing credential that the person holds and the name of the state, territory, foreign country or province that granted the nursing credential. In the event of an emergency, the person shall provide to the board written notice that includes the information otherwise required under this paragraph, as soon as practicable.

(c) A person who is permitted to practice professional or practical nursing under par. (b) may practice professional or practical nursing only for the following persons:

1. A person who is being transported through or into this state for the purpose of receiving medical care.

2. A person who is in this state temporarily, if the person is a resident of the state, territory, country or province that granted the nursing credential to the person permitted to practice professional or practical nursing under par. (b).

* Section 991.11, WISCONSIN STATUTES 1993-94: Effective date of acts. "Every act and every portion of an act enacted by the legislature over the governor's partial veto which does not expressly prescribe the time when it takes effect shall take effect on the day after its date of publication as designated" by the secretary of state [the date of publication may not be more than 10 working days after the date of enactment].