## 1995 ASSEMBLY BILL 164

February 28, 1995 – Introduced by Representatives R. Young, Underheim, Baldus, Lazich, Bock, Dobyns, Morris-Tatum, Brandemuehl, Boyle, Hahn, Hanson, Musser, Notestein, Schneiders, La Fave, Seratti, Ziegelbauer, Urban, Wood, Turner, Ryba, Plombon, Olsen and Lehman, cosponsored by Senators Buettner, Rosenzweig, Rude and Huelsman. Referred to Committee on Health.

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

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, a person who practices nursing as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse must be licensed by the board of nursing (board). In order to be granted a license by the board, a person must satisfy certain education and examination requirements. This bill provides that a person who is authorized to practice nursing under a credential granted by another state, territory, country or province may provide nursing services in this state to certain persons for not more than 60 days a year if the board determines that the requirements of the state, territory, country or province that granted the person's credential are substantially equivalent to the licensure requirements in this state. A person who is permitted to provide nursing services under the bill may provide nursing services only to the following: 1) a patient being transported through or into this state for the purpose of receiving medical care; or 2) a person who is in this state temporarily, if that person is a resident of the state, territory, country or province that granted the credential to the person providing nursing services.

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

- 4 Section 1. 441.115 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 441.115 (title) Exceptions; temporary practice.
- 6 **Section 2.** 441.115 of the statutes is renumbered 441.115 (1).

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SECTION 3

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SECTION 3.	441.115	(2)	f the statutes	1S	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 nursing credential may practice professional or practical nursing in this state, as provided under par. (c), for not more than 60 working days 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.
- (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).

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