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CHAPTER **86,** Laws of 1977

AN ACT to amend 441.11 (1) and (2) of the statutes, relating to authorization for nurses to perform certain acts under the direction of a podiatrist.

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

SECTION 1. 441.11 (1) and (2) of the statutes are amended to read:

441.11 (1) PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING. The practice of professional nursing within the terms of this chapter means the performance for compensation of any act in the observation or care of the ill, injured or infirm, or for the maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others, which act requires substantial nursing skill, knowledge or training, or application of nursing principles based on biological, physical and social sciences, such as the supervision of a patient, the observation and recording of symptoms and reactions, the execution of procedures and techniques in the treatment of the sick under the general or special supervision or direction of a physician, podiatrist or dentist, the execution of general nursing procedures and

techniques and the supervision and direction of trained practical nurses and less skilled assistants.

(2) PRACTICE OF PRACTICAL NURSING. The practice of practical nursing under this chapter means the performance for compensation of any simple acts in the care of convalescent, subacutely or chronically ill, injured or infirm persons, or of any act or procedure in the care of the more acutely ill, injured or infirm under the specific direction of a nurse, physician, podiatrist or dentist. A simple act is one which does not require any substantial nursing skill, knowledge or training, or the application of nursing principles based on biological, physical or social sciences, or the understanding of cause and effect in such acts and is one which is of a nature of those approved by the board for the curriculum of schools for trained practical nurses.

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