2019 SENATE BILL 514

October 18, 2019 – Introduced by Senators KOOYENGA, CARPENTER, CRAIG, DARLING and COWLES, cosponsored by Representatives SKOWRONSKI, HUTTON, DITTRICH, DUCHOW, KNODL, OOTT, SINICKI, WICHERS, WITTKE, ANDERSON, EDMING, KRUG, KURTZ, LOUDENBECK, MAGNIFICI, MILROY, MURPHY, PLUMER, RAMTHUN, SORTWELL, SPIROS, TUSLER and VANDERMEER. Referred to Committee on Health and Human Services.

1 AN ACT to amend 441.11 (2) and 448.03 (2) (b); and to create 441.115 (1m) of the statutes; relating to: practicing as a physician assistant or nurse while performing official duties for the armed services or federal health services.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under this bill, physician assistants who perform official duties for the armed services or federal health services are not required to obtain a physician assistant license. Current law generally requires a person to obtain a license granted by the Medical Examining Board to practice as a physician assistant.

The bill also allows a person to practice as a registered nurse or nurse anesthetist while performing official duties for the armed services or federal health services without obtaining a credential from the Board of Nursing. Under current law, a person is generally required to obtain a credential from the Board of Nursing to practice professional nursing or to practice as a nurse anesthetist.

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

4 SECTION 1. 441.11 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:
441.11 (2) The provisions of s. 448.04 (1) (g) do not apply to a nurse anesthetist or person who engages in the practice of a nurse anesthetist while performing official duties for the armed services or federal health services of the United States.

SECTION 2. 441.115 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

441.115 (1m) No credential under this chapter is required for a person who engages in the practice of a licensed practical nurse or registered nurse while performing official duties for the armed services or federal health services of the United States.

SECTION 3. 448.03 (2) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

448.03 (2) (b) The performance of official duties by a physician, a person who engages in the practice of a physician assistant, or a perfusionist of any of the armed services or federal health services of the United States.

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