



State of Wisconsin
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PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

1 **AN ACT to amend** 14.87 (title), 441.06 (4), 441.10 (7), subchapter II (title) of
2 chapter 441 [precedes 441.51] and 441.51 (title) of the statutes; **relating to:** the
3 nurse licensure compact (suggested as remedial legislation by the Department
4 of Safety and Professional Services).

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes terminology changes related to the Nurse Licensure Compact. Specifically, the bill removes the word “enhanced” from references in the statutes to the Nurse Licensure Compact. Under current law, Wisconsin has entered into the Nurse Licensure Compact, which allows a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who is licensed in a state that has adopted the compact to practice in any other state that has adopted the compact without needing to separately obtain a license in that other state.

For further information, see the NOTES provided by the Law Revision Committee of the Joint Legislative Council.

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

LAW REVISION COMMITTEE PREFATORY NOTE: This bill is a remedial legislation proposal, requested by the Department of Safety and Professional Services and introduced by the Law Revision Committee under s. 13.83 (1) (c) 4. and 5., stats. After

careful consideration of the various provisions of the bill, the Law Revision Committee has determined that this bill makes minor substantive changes in the statutes, and that these changes are desirable as a matter of public policy.

1 **SECTION 1.** 14.87 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 **14.87** (title) ~~Enhanced nurse~~ **Nurse licensure compact**.

3 **SECTION 2.** 441.06 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

4 **441.06 (4)** Except as provided in s. 257.03, no person may practice or attempt
5 to practice professional nursing, nor use the title, letters, or anything else to indicate
6 that he or she is a registered or professional nurse unless he or she is licensed under
7 this section. Except as provided in s. 257.03, no person not so licensed may use in
8 connection with his or her nursing employment or vocation any title or anything else
9 to indicate that he or she is a trained, certified or graduate nurse. This subsection
10 does not apply to any registered nurse who holds a multistate license, as defined in
11 s. 441.51 (2) (h), issued by a jurisdiction, other than this state, that has adopted the
12 ~~enhanced~~ nurse licensure compact under s. 441.51.

NOTE: SECTIONS 1 to 5 update references to the national nursing compact to eliminate the term “enhanced” from the title.

13 **SECTION 3.** 441.10 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:

14 **441.10 (7)** No license is required for practical nursing, but, except as provided
15 in s. 257.03, no person without a license may hold himself or herself out as a licensed
16 practical nurse or licensed attendant, use the title or letters “Trained Practical
17 Nurse” or “T.P.N.”, “Licensed Practical Nurse” or “L.P.N.”, “Licensed Attendant” or
18 “L.A.”, “Trained Attendant” or “T.A.”, or otherwise seek to indicate that he or she is
19 a licensed practical nurse or licensed attendant. No licensed practical nurse or
20 licensed attendant may use the title, or otherwise seek to act as a registered, licensed,
21 graduate or professional nurse. Anyone violating this subsection shall be subject to
22 the penalties prescribed by s. 441.13. The board shall grant without examination a

1 license as a licensed practical nurse to any person who was on July 1, 1949, a licensed
2 attendant. This subsection does not apply to any licensed practical nurse who holds
3 a multistate license, as defined in s. 441.51 (2) (h), issued by a jurisdiction, other than
4 this state, that has adopted the ~~enhanced~~ nurse licensure compact under s. 441.51.

5 **SECTION 4.** Subchapter II (title) of chapter 441 [precedes 441.51] of the statutes
6 is amended to read:

7 **CHAPTER 441**

8 **SUBCHAPTER II**

9 **ENHANCED NURSE LICENSURE COMPACT**

10 **SECTION 5.** 441.51 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:

11 **441.51** (title) ~~Enhanced nurse~~ Nurse licensure compact.

12 (END)