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AN ACT

RELATING TO LICENSURE; PROVIDING FOR EXPEDITED LICENSURE FOR
NURSES LICENSED IN OTHER STATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 61-3-14 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
Chapter 44, Section 11, as amended) is amended to read:

"61-3-14. LICENSURE OF REGISTERED NURSES--EXPEDITED
LICENSURE.--

A. Applicants for licensure by examination shall
be required to pass the national licensing examination for
registered nurses. The applicant who successfully passes the
examination may be issued by the board a license to practice
as a registered nurse.

B. The board may issue a license to practice
professional registered nursing without an examination to an
applicant who has been duly licensed by taking the national
licensing examination for registered nurses under the laws of
another state if the applicant meets the qualifications
required of registered nurses in this state. From
July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, upon a determination by
the board that an application is complete and approved, the
board shall expedite the issuance of a license pursuant to
this subsection within five business days.

C. The board may issue a license to practice as a

1 registered nurse to an applicant licensed under the laws of
2 another territory or foreign country if the applicant meets
3 the qualifications required of registered nurses in this
4 state, is proficient in English and passes the national
5 licensing examination for registered nurses."

6 SECTION 2. Section 61-3-19 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1968,
7 Chapter 44, Section 16, as amended) is amended to read:

8 "61-3-19. LICENSURE OF LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES--
9 EXPEDITED LICENSURE.--

10 A. Applicants for licensure by examination shall
11 be required to pass the national licensing examination for
12 licensed practical nurses. The applicant who passes the
13 examination may be issued by the board a license to practice
14 as a licensed practical nurse.

15 B. The board may issue a license as a licensed
16 practical nurse without an examination to an applicant who
17 has been duly licensed by passing the national licensing
18 examination for licensed practical nurses under the laws of
19 another state if the applicant meets the qualifications
20 required of licensed practical nurses in this state. From
21 July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, upon a determination by
22 the board that an application is complete and approved, the
23 board shall expedite the issuance of a license pursuant to
24 this subsection within five business days.

25 C. The board may issue a license to practice as a

1 licensed practical nurse to an applicant licensed under the
2 laws of another territory or foreign country if the applicant
3 meets the qualifications required of licensed practical
4 nurses in this state, is proficient in English and
5 successfully passes the national licensing examination for
6 licensed practical nurses."

7 SECTION 3. Section 61-3-23.2 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
8 1991, Chapter 190, Section 14, as amended) is amended to
9 read:

10 "61-3-23.2. CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER--QUALIFICATIONS--
11 PRACTICE--EXAMINATION--ENDORSEMENT--EXPEDITED LICENSURE.--

12 A. The board may license for advanced practice as
13 a certified nurse practitioner an applicant who furnishes
14 evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

15 (1) is a registered nurse;

16 (2) has successfully completed a program for
17 the education and preparation of nurse practitioners;
18 provided that, if the applicant is initially licensed by the
19 board or a board in another jurisdiction after
20 January 1, 2001, the program shall be at the master's level
21 or higher;

22 (3) has successfully completed the national
23 certifying examination in the applicant's specialty area; and

24 (4) is certified by a national nursing
25 organization.

1 B. Certified nurse practitioners may:

2 (1) perform an advanced practice that is
3 beyond the scope of practice of professional registered
4 nursing;

5 (2) practice independently and make
6 decisions regarding health care needs of the individual,
7 family or community and carry out health regimens, including
8 the prescription and distribution of dangerous drugs and
9 controlled substances included in Schedules II through V of
10 the Controlled Substances Act; and

11 (3) serve as a primary acute, chronic
12 long-term and end-of-life health care provider and as
13 necessary collaborate with licensed medical doctors,
14 osteopathic physicians or podiatrists.

15 C. Certified nurse practitioners who have
16 fulfilled requirements for prescriptive authority may
17 prescribe in accordance with rules, regulations, guidelines
18 and formularies for individual certified nurse practitioners
19 promulgated by the board.

20 D. Certified nurse practitioners who have
21 fulfilled requirements for prescriptive authority may
22 distribute to their patients dangerous drugs and controlled
23 substances included in Schedules II through V of the
24 Controlled Substances Act that have been prepared, packaged
25 or fabricated by a registered pharmacist or doses of drugs

1 that have been prepackaged by a pharmaceutical manufacturer
2 in accordance with the Pharmacy Act and the New Mexico Drug,
3 Device and Cosmetic Act.

4 E. Certified nurse practitioners licensed by the
5 board on and after December 2, 1985 shall successfully
6 complete a national certifying examination and shall maintain
7 national professional certification in their specialty area.
8 Certified nurse practitioners licensed by a board prior to
9 December 2, 1985 are not required to sit for a national
10 certification examination or be certified by a national
11 organization.

12 F. From July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, upon a
13 determination by the board that an application is complete
14 and approved, the board shall issue a license to a certified
15 nurse practitioner licensed in another state if the applicant
16 meets the qualifications required of certified nurse
17 practitioners in this state. The board shall expedite the
18 issuance of the license within five business days."

19 SECTION 4. Section 61-3-23.3 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
20 1991, Chapter 190, Section 15, as amended) is amended to
21 read:

22 "61-3-23.3. CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE ANESTHETIST--
23 QUALIFICATIONS--LICENSURE--PRACTICE--ENDORSEMENT--EXPEDITED
24 LICENSURE.--

25 A. The board may license for advanced practice as

1 a certified registered nurse anesthetist an applicant who
2 furnishes evidence satisfactory to the board that the
3 applicant:

4 (1) is a registered nurse;

5 (2) has successfully completed a nurse
6 anesthesia education program accredited by the council on
7 accreditation of nurse anesthesia education programs;
8 provided that, if the applicant is initially licensed by the
9 board or a board in another jurisdiction after
10 January 1, 2001, the program shall be at a master's level or
11 higher; and

12 (3) is certified by the council on
13 certification of nurse anesthetists.

14 B. A certified registered nurse anesthetist may
15 provide preoperative, intraoperative and postoperative
16 anesthesia care and related services, including ordering of
17 diagnostic tests, in accordance with the current American
18 association of nurse anesthetists' guidelines for nurse
19 anesthesia practice.

20 C. Certified registered nurse anesthetists shall
21 function in an interdependent role as a member of a health
22 care team in which the medical care of the patient is
23 directed by a licensed physician, osteopathic physician,
24 dentist or podiatrist licensed in New Mexico pursuant to
25 Chapter 61, Article 5A, 6, 8 or 10 NMSA 1978. The certified

1 registered nurse anesthetist shall collaborate with the
2 licensed physician, osteopathic physician, dentist or
3 podiatrist concerning the anesthesia care of the patient. As
4 used in this subsection, "collaboration" means the process in
5 which each health care provider contributes the health care
6 provider's respective expertise. Collaboration includes
7 systematic formal planning and evaluation between the health
8 care professionals involved in the collaborative practice
9 arrangement.

10 D. A certified registered nurse anesthetist who
11 has fulfilled the requirements for prescriptive authority in
12 the area of anesthesia practice is authorized to prescribe
13 and administer therapeutic measures, including dangerous
14 drugs and controlled substances included in Schedules II
15 through V of the Controlled Substances Act within the
16 emergency procedures, perioperative care or perinatal care
17 environments. Dangerous drugs and controlled substances,
18 pursuant to the Controlled Substances Act, that have been
19 prepared, packaged or fabricated by a registered pharmacist
20 or doses of drugs that have been prepackaged by a
21 pharmaceutical manufacturer in accordance with the Pharmacy
22 Act and the New Mexico Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act may be
23 prescribed and administered.

24 E. A certified registered nurse anesthetist who
25 has fulfilled the requirements for prescriptive authority in

1 the area of anesthesia practice may prescribe in accordance
2 with rules, regulations and guidelines. The board shall
3 adopt rules concerning a prescriptive authority formulary for
4 certified registered nurse anesthetists that shall be based
5 on the scope of practice of certified registered nurse
6 anesthetists. The board, in collaboration with the New
7 Mexico medical board, shall develop the formulary. Certified
8 registered nurse anesthetists who prescribe shall do so in
9 accordance with the prescriptive authority formulary.

10 F. From July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, upon a
11 determination by the board that an application is complete
12 and approved, the board shall issue a license to a certified
13 registered nurse anesthetist licensed in another state if the
14 applicant meets the qualifications required of certified
15 registered nurse anesthetists in this state. The board shall
16 expedite the issuance of the license within five business
17 days.

18 G. A health care facility may adopt policies
19 relating to the providing of anesthesia care.

20 H. A certified registered nurse anesthetist
21 licensed by the board shall maintain this certification with
22 the American association of nurse anesthetists' council on
23 certification."

24 SECTION 5. Section 61-3-23.4 NMSA 1978 (being Laws
25 1991, Chapter 190, Section 16, as amended) is amended to

1 read:

2 "61-3-23.4. CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST--QUALIFICATIONS--
3 ENDORSEMENT--EXPEDITED LICENSURE.--

4 A. The board may license for advanced practice as
5 a clinical nurse specialist an applicant who furnishes
6 evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant:

7 (1) is a registered nurse;

8 (2) has a master's degree or doctoral degree
9 in a defined clinical nursing specialty;

10 (3) has successfully completed a national
11 certifying examination in the applicant's area of specialty;
12 and

13 (4) is certified by a national nursing
14 organization.

15 B. Clinical nurse specialists may:

16 (1) perform an advanced practice that is
17 beyond the scope of practice of professional registered
18 nursing;

19 (2) make independent decisions in a
20 specialized area of nursing practice using expert knowledge
21 regarding the health care needs of the individual, family and
22 community, collaborating as necessary with other members of
23 the health care team when the health care need is beyond the
24 scope of practice of the clinical nurse specialist; and

25 (3) carry out therapeutic regimens in the

1 area of specialty practice, including the prescription and
2 distribution of dangerous drugs.

3 C. A clinical nurse specialist who has fulfilled
4 the requirements for prescriptive authority in the area of
5 specialty practice is authorized to prescribe, administer and
6 distribute therapeutic measures, including dangerous drugs
7 and controlled substances included in Schedules II through V
8 of the Controlled Substances Act within the scope of
9 specialty practice, including controlled substances pursuant
10 to the Controlled Substances Act that have been prepared,
11 packaged or fabricated by a registered pharmacist or doses of
12 drugs that have been prepackaged by a pharmaceutical
13 manufacturer in accordance with the Pharmacy Act and the New
14 Mexico Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act.

15 D. Clinical nurse specialists who have fulfilled
16 the requirements for prescriptive authority in the area of
17 specialty practice may prescribe in accordance with rules,
18 regulations, guidelines and formularies based on scope of
19 practice and clinical setting for individual clinical nurse
20 specialists promulgated by the board.

21 E. Clinical nurse specialists licensed by the
22 board shall maintain certification in their specialty area.

23 F. From July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, upon a
24 determination by the board that an application is complete
25 and approved, the board shall issue a license to a clinical

1 nurse specialist licensed in another state if the applicant
2 meets the qualifications required of a clinical nurse
3 specialist in this state. The board shall expedite the
4 issuance of the license within five business days."

5 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
6 provisions of this act is July 1, 2014. _____

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