

(4) Who is a resident of the state of Washington.

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## CHAPTER 79.

[Engrossed House Bill No. 210.]

### LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES.

AN ACT relating to licensed practical nurses; amending section 1, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 1, chapter 15, Laws of 1963 and RCW 18.78.010; amending section 2, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.020; amending section 5, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.050; amending section 10, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 4, chapter 15, Laws of 1963 and RCW 18.78.090; amending section 18, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.170; amending section 14, chapter 288, Laws of 1961 and RCW 18.88.285; adding two new sections to chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and to chapter 18.78 RCW; repealing section 5, chapter 15, Laws of 1963 and RCW 18.78.181; and providing penalties.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 1, chapter 15, Laws of 1963 and RCW 18.78.010 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.78.010  
amended.

Unless a different meaning is plainly required by the context, the following words and phrases as hereinafter used in this chapter shall have the following meanings:

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Definitions.

(1) "Board" shall mean "Washington state board of practical nurse examiners."

(2) "Director" shall mean "director of licenses."

(3) "Licensed practical nurse, abbreviated L.P.N." shall mean "a person licensed by the board to practice practical nursing."

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Definitions.

(4) "Licensed practical nurse practice" shall mean "the performing for compensation, services required in the nursing care of the ill, injured or infirm, under the direction of a licensed physician and surgeon, osteopathic physician and surgeon, dentist, chiroprapist, or under the direction and supervision of a licensed registered professional nurse and not involving the specialized education, knowledge, skill and exercise of independent judgment required in professional nursing."

(5) "Supervision" shall mean the critical evaluation of acts performed with authority to take corrective action, but shall not be construed so as to require direct and bodily presence.

RCW 18.78.020 amended.

Sec. 2. Section 2, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.020 are each amended to read as follows:

Washington state board of practical nurse examiners—Composition.

There is hereby created a board to be known and designated as the "Washington state board of practical nurse examiners." The board shall be composed of five members, appointed by the governor as follows:

(1) Two members shall be registered professional nurses having had no less than five years' experience in the practice of nursing, one of whom shall be a registered nurse actively engaged in instructing in an approved practical nursing course, and one of whom shall be a registered nurse experienced in instructing in an approved practical nursing course;

(2) One registered professional nurse who is actively engaged in the supervision of an approved program for practical nursing;

(3) Two licensed practical nurses, at least twenty-three years of age, who shall have had not less than three years' actual experience as a licensed practical nurse and who have completed an approved course in practical nursing.

RCW 18.78.050 amended.

Sec. 3. Section 5, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.050 are each amended to read as follows:

The board shall conduct examinations for all applicants for licensure under this chapter and shall certify to the division of professional licensing in the department of motor vehicles for licensing, those applicants duly qualified. The board shall also determine and formulate what constitutes an approved practical nursing course, the same to be written and filed with the secretary of the board. The board may amend said requirements from time to time and any such amendment shall also be in writing and filed with the secretary of the board. Upon request of any hospital or other agency within the state of Washington, the secretary of the board shall furnish and forward by mail a copy of said written requirements constituting an approved course, and any written amendments thereto.

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Examination.

Sec. 4. Section 10, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 as amended by section 4, chapter 15, Laws of 1963 and RCW 18.78.090 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.78.090  
amended.

Every licensed practical nurse in this state shall register annually with the division of professional licensing in the department of motor vehicles, on or before the first day of March, and shall pay an annual fee of three dollars, and thereupon the license of such person shall be renewed for a period of one year. Any failure to register and pay the annual renewal registration fee shall render the license invalid, but such license shall be reinstated upon written application therefore to the division of professional licensing, and upon payment to the state of a penalty of ten dollars, together with all delinquent annual license renewal fees.

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Sec. 5. Section 18, chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and RCW 18.78.170 are each amended to read as follows:

RCW 18.78.170  
amended.

It shall be a gross misdemeanor for any person to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse in this state unless such person shall have first obtained a license from the board: *Provided*, That nothing in

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this chapter shall prohibit any person from nursing the sick for hire who does not in any way assume or represent himself or herself to be a "licensed practical nurse, abbreviated L.P.N."

New section.

Sec. 6. There is added to chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and to chapter 18.78 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Licensed practical nurses—Administration of medications, etc., under supervision.

A licensed practical nurse under his or her license may perform for compensation nursing care (as that term is usually understood) of the ill, injured, or infirm, and in the course thereof is authorized, at or under the direction and supervision of a licensed physician and surgeon, osteopathic physician and surgeon, dentist, chiroprapist (acting within the scope of his license), or at or under the direction and supervision of a licensed registered professional nurse, to administer drugs, medications, treatments, tests, injections and inoculations, whether or not the piercing of tissues is involved and whether or not a degree of independent judgment and skill is required, when selected to do so by one of the licensed practitioners designated in this section, or by a licensed registered professional nurse who need not be physically present; provided the order given by such licensed practitioners shall be reduced to writing within a reasonable time and made a part of the patient's record.

New section.

Sec. 7. There is added to chapter 222, Laws of 1949 and to chapter 18.78 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Injunction to prevent violations.

If any person engages in licensed practical nurse practice without possessing a valid license so to do, or if a person violates the provisions of RCW 18.78.130, the attorney general, any prosecuting attorney, the board, or any citizen of the same county may maintain an action in the name of the state to enjoin such person from engaging in licensed practi-

cal nurse practice. The injunction shall not relieve from criminal prosecution, but the remedy by injunction shall be in addition to the liability of such offender to criminal prosecution and to suspension or revocation of his or her license.

Sec. 8. Section 5, chapter 15, Laws of 1963 and RCW 18.78.181 are each repealed. **Repeal.**

Sec. 9. Section 14, chapter 288, Laws of 1961 and RCW 18.88.285 are each amended to read as follows: **RCW 18.88.285 amended.**

A professional nurse under her license may perform for compensation nursing care (as that term is usually understood) of the ill, injured or infirm, and in the course thereof, she is authorized to do the following things which shall not be done by any person not so licensed, except as provided in section 6 of this 1967 amendatory act:

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(1) At or under the general direction of a licensed physician, dentist, osteopath or chiroprapist (acting within the scope of his license) to administer medications, treatments, tests and inoculations, whether or not the severing or penetrating of tissues is involved and whether or not a degree of independent judgment and skill is required.

(2) To delegate to other persons engaged in nursing, the functions outlined in the preceding paragraph.

(3) To instruct students of nursing in technical subjects pertaining to nursing.

(4) To hold herself out to the public or designate herself as a registered nurse or professional nurse.

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