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RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S SAFETY

Amend Illinois' Nurse Practice Act (NPA) with SB 2151

PROBLEM: Nurses delegating "nursing interventions" to unlicensed persons.

Background

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) has no regulatory oversight, standard education or training mandates regarding unlicensed clinical assistive personnel performing **nursing interventions**. The General Assembly's Pilot evaluating if minimally educated persons in 2017 were safe as non-nurses to administer medications in nursing homes only concluded June 2019. The Pilot failed.

Any offenses/errors committed by an unregulated worker go unaddressed from any state agency. The pre-emptive 2017 changes in our NPA allowing RNs and APRNs to delegate nursing interventions, including medication administration, to unlicensed clinical assistive personnel without evidence puts patients at risk.

IDFPR Professions, Occupations, and Business Operations

Legislative Purpose. The practice of professional and practical nursing in the State of Illinois is hereby declared to affect the public health, safety and welfare and to be subject to regulation and control in the **public's interest**. <https://www.idfpr.com/profs/Nursing.asp>

Illinois (Board of Nursing) protects the public's health and welfare by assuring that safe and competent nursing care is provided by licensed nurses. <https://www.ncsbn.org/>

Unlicensed persons:

Complete NO approved standardized education as nurses are required to complete;
Possess NO state licensure as nurses are mandated to be licensed to practice;
Are regulated by NO state agency that nurses are accountable for their actions.

Licensed nurses:

Nursing education and licensure are regulated by IDFPR, the state agency oversight body, for all licensed nurses (LPN, RN & APRN) in Illinois.

Registered Nurses possess professional authority, autonomy and accountability.
Unlicensed persons are not interchangeable with licensed nurses to perform nursing.

EVIDENCE: There is no state wide nursing shortage (IL Nursing Workforce Center)

Public Act 098-0990 Licensed Medication Aide Pilot (2016-2019) FAILED

THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY ASSESSING PUBLIC SAFETY IN PA 098-0990

The Illinois General Assembly in 2014 passed PA 098-0990 Licensed Medication Aide Pilot running from 2016 concluding in June 2019. 7 people participated in the 3-year Pilot.

PA 098-0990 Pilot FAILED to produce any Evidence to evaluate if minimally educated high school graduate nurse assistants could safely administer medications in Nursing Homes.

Illinois legislators had **NO EVIDENCE** to support the 2017 NPA changes allowing nurses to delegate nursing interventions, including complex medication administration to unlicensed, uneducated non-nurse assistive persons in "Community" settings like schools and clinics.

REMEDY: SB 2151

SUPPORT clear NPA delegation language that only qualified, licensed nurses are authorized to perform "nursing interventions";

Restore "tasks", work not requiring nursing knowledge, to be delegated by RNs & APRNs to assistive unlicensed workers.

The purpose of licensure is public protection and safety.

Organizational Supporters of SB 2151:

