

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

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Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Health and Welfare to Reengrossed House Bill No. 495 by Representative Ivey

1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line and delete lines 3 through 18,
3 delete pages 2 through 11, and on page 12, delete lines 1 and 2 and insert the following:

4 "amend and reenact R.S. 28:2(28), 51.1(A)(3), and 53(B)(1), R.S.
5 37:913(1)(introductory paragraph), (3), (7), (8), and (9), 921(A), (B), and
6 (E)(1), 925(C), and 930(E) and (F) and R.S. 40:2109.3(A)(2) and to enact
7 R.S. 37:913(17), 918(22), 936, 937, and 938, relative to advanced practice
8 registered nursing; to provide for definitions; to provide for psychiatric
9 mental health nurse practitioners; to provide for the practice of advanced
10 practice registered nursing; to provide for the powers and duties of the
11 Louisiana Board of Nursing; to provide for licensure; to provide for
12 transitional status; to provide for violations; to provide for an advisory
13 subcommittee; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related
14 matters.

15 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

16 Section 1. R.S. 28:2(28), 51.1(A)(3), and 53(B)(1) are hereby
17 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

18 §2. Definitions

19 Whenever used in this Title, the masculine shall include the feminine,
20 the singular shall include the plural, and the following definitions shall apply:

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22 (28) "Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner" means an
23 advanced practice registered nurse licensed to practice as a nurse practitioner
24 or clinical nurse specialist by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, in
25 accordance with the provisions of R.S. 37:911 et seq., who focuses clinical
26 practice on individuals, families, or populations across the life span at risk
27 for developing or having a diagnosis of psychiatric disorders, mental health
28 problems, or both. A psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner means a
29 specialist who provides primary mental health care to patients seeking mental
30 health services in a wide range of settings. Primary mental health care
31 provided by a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner involves the
32 continuous and comprehensive services necessary for the promotion of
33 optimal mental health, prevention and treatment of psychiatric disorders, and
34 health maintenance. ~~Such primary~~ Primary health care includes the
35 assessment, diagnosis, and management of mental health problems and
36 psychiatric disorders. A psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner means
37 a provider of direct mental health care services who synthesizes theoretical,
38 scientific, and clinical knowledge for the assessment and management of
39 both health and illness states and who is licensed to practice as a nurse
40 practitioner in Louisiana; in accordance with R.S. 37:911; et seq. For
41 purposes of this Chapter, a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner shall
42 have at least two years training, primary experience, or both, in diagnosis and
43 treatment of mental illness. For purposes of this Chapter, a psychiatric
44 mental health nurse practitioner shall also have authority from the Louisiana
45 State Board of Nursing to prescribe legend and certain controlled drugs; ~~in~~
46 ~~accordance with the provisions of R.S. 37:913(3)(b), (8), and (9) in~~
47 accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the board.

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1 §51.1. Treatment facility; staff membership and institutional privileges;
2 certain healthcare providers

3 A.

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5 (3) Staff membership, specifically delineated institutional privileges,
6 or both, granted to a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner shall be
7 conditioned upon all of the following requirements:

8 (a) The applicant psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner shall
9 have a valid, current, collaborative practice agreement, as defined in R.S.
10 37:913(9), with a psychiatrist an active license issued by the Louisiana State
11 Board of Nursing.

12 (b) The applicant psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner shall
13 have a valid, current and unrestricted advanced practice registered nurse
14 license, as a nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist, issued by the
15 Louisiana State Board of Nursing, and have has been granted limited
16 prescriptive authority pursuant to LAC 46:XLV.4513 by the Louisiana State
17 Board of Nursing.

18 (c) ~~The~~ If the applicant psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner's
19 collaborating physician practitioner practices pursuant to a mentorship
20 agreement, the mentoring healthcare provider shall have staff membership,
21 institutional privileges, or both, at the treatment facility.

22 (d) The applicant psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner shall
23 prescribe medications ~~or~~ and treatment regimens that may include the use of
24 seclusion or restraint on patients in the treatment facility only in accordance
25 with the collaborative practice agreement and in accordance with standards
26 of practice and scope of practice as determined by the Louisiana State Board
27 of Nursing and with the treatment facility's staff membership or privilege
28 granting privilege-granting process and restrictions, if any.
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30 §53. Admission by emergency certificate; extension; payment for services
31 rendered

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33 B.(1)(a) For the purposes of this Subsection, "examining clinician"
34 means Any any physician licensed or permitted by the Louisiana State Board
35 of Medical Examiners, physician assistant when acting in accordance with
36 their respective his clinical practice guidelines, psychiatric mental health
37 nurse practitioner, other nurse practitioner who acts in accordance with a
38 collaborative practice agreement and receives verbal approval for executing
39 the an emergency certificate from his collaborating a physician licensed or
40 permitted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, or
41 psychologist.

42 (b) An examining clinician may execute an emergency certificate
43 only after an actual examination of a person alleged to have a mental illness
44 or be suffering from a substance-related or addictive disorder who is
45 determined to be in need of immediate care and treatment in a treatment
46 facility because ~~the examining physician, physician assistant when acting in~~
47 ~~accordance with their respective clinical practice guidelines, psychiatric~~
48 ~~mental health nurse practitioner, other nurse practitioner who acts in~~
49 ~~accordance with a collaborative practice agreement and receives verbal~~
50 ~~approval for executing the certificate from his collaborating physician, or~~
51 ~~psychologist~~ an examining clinician determines the person to be dangerous
52 to self or others or to be gravely disabled. The actual examination of the
53 person by a psychiatrist, ~~or psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, or~~
54 ~~other nurse practitioner~~ may be conducted by telemedicine utilizing video
55 conferencing technology provided that a licensed healthcare professional
56 who can adequately and accurately assist with obtaining any necessary
57 information including but not limited to the information listed in Paragraph
58 (4) of this Subsection shall be in the examination room with the patient at the
59 time of the video conference. A patient examined in such a manner shall be
60 medically cleared prior to admission to a mental health treatment facility.

1 Failure to conduct an examination prior to the execution of the certificate
2 will be evidence of gross negligence.

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4 Section 2. R.S. 37:913(1)(introductory paragraph), (3), (7), (8), and
5 (9), 921(A), (B), and (E)(1), 925(C), and 930(E) and (F) are hereby amended
6 and reenacted and R.S. 37:913(17), 918(22), 936, 937, and 938 are hereby
7 enacted to read as follows:

8 §913. Definitions

9 As used in this Part:

10 (1) "Advanced practice registered nurse" or "APRN" means a
11 licensed registered nurse ~~who is certified by a nationally recognized~~
12 ~~certifying body, such as the American Nurses Credentialing Center, as~~
13 ~~having an advanced nursing specialty, as described in this Part and who~~
14 ~~meets the criteria for an advanced practice registered nurse as established by~~
15 ~~the board. In the absence of the availability of a national certification~~
16 ~~examination in a selected clinical area, the board may establish~~
17 ~~commensurate requirements: this Chapter.~~ An advanced practice registered
18 nurse shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

19 * * *

20 (3)(a) "Advanced practice registered nursing" means nursing by a
21 certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified nurse midwife, clinical nurse
22 specialist, or nurse practitioner which is based on knowledge and skills
23 acquired in a basic nursing education program, licensure as a registered
24 nurse, and a minimum of a master's degree with a concentration in the
25 respective advanced practice nursing specialty which includes both didactic
26 and clinical components, advanced knowledge in nursing theory, physical
27 and psychosocial assessment, nursing interventions, and management of
28 health care. Advanced practice registered nursing includes:

29 (i) Assessing patients, analyzing and synthesizing data, and
30 knowledge of and applying nursing principles at an advanced level.

31 (ii) Providing guidance and teaching.

32 (iii) Working with patients and families in meeting health care needs.

33 (iv) Collaborating or consulting with other health care providers.

34 (v) Managing patients' physical and psychosocial health-illness status
35 with regard to nursing care.

36 (vi) Utilizing research skills.

37 (vii) Analyzing multiple sources of data and identifying and
38 performing certain acts of medical diagnosis, as appropriate to the advanced
39 practice registered nurse's scope of practice, in accordance with the
40 collaborative practice agreement.

41 (viii) Making decisions in solving patient care problems and selecting
42 treatment regimens in collaboration or consultation with a licensed physician,
43 dentist, or other health care provider ~~as indicated.~~

44 (ix) Consulting with or referring patients to licensed physicians,
45 dentists, and other health care providers in accordance with ~~a collaborative~~
46 practice agreement the advanced practice registered nurse's collaborative
47 practice protocols.

48 (b) Advanced practice registered nursing may include certain acts of
49 medical diagnosis, in accordance with ~~R.S. 37:913(8) and (9)~~ the advanced
50 practice registered nurse's collaborative practice protocols, or medical
51 prescriptions of therapeutic or corrective nature, prescribing assessment
52 studies, legend and certain controlled drugs, therapeutic regimens, medical
53 devices and appliances, receiving and distributing a therapeutic regimen of
54 prepackaged drugs prepared and labeled by a licensed pharmacist, and free
55 samples supplied by a drug manufacturer, and distributing drugs for
56 administration to and use by other individuals within the scope of practice as
57 defined by the board ~~and in accordance with this Paragraph.~~

58 (c) Advanced practice registered nursing may include the provision
59 of medication-assisted treatment (MAT), as authorized by the United States

1 Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental
2 Health Services Administration and in accordance with rules promulgated by
3 the board. ~~At a minimum, rules promulgated by the board shall include a~~
4 ~~requirement that in order for the APRN to provide MAT, his collaborating~~
5 ~~physician shall also be authorized and in compliance with all federal and~~
6 ~~state laws and rules authorizing the provision of MAT. For purposes of this~~
7 ~~Subparagraph, "MAT" means the use of medications with counseling and~~
8 ~~behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders and prevent opioid~~
9 ~~overdose.~~

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11 (7) "Collaboration" means a cooperative working professional
12 relationship with between an advanced practice registered nurse and licensed
13 physicians, dentists, or other health care providers, to jointly contribute to
14 providing patient care and may include but not be limited to discussion of a
15 patient's diagnosis and cooperation in the management and delivery of health
16 care with each provider performing those activities that he is legally
17 authorized to perform.

18 (8) "Collaborative practice" means the joint management of the health
19 care of a patient by an advanced practice registered nurse performing
20 advanced practice registered nursing and one or more consulting physicians,
21 or dentists through consultation or collaboration with a physician, dentist, or
22 other healthcare provider and referral to a physician, dentist, or other
23 healthcare provider when appropriate. Except as otherwise provided in R.S.
24 37:930, acts of medical diagnosis and prescription by an advanced practice
25 registered nurse shall be in accordance with a collaborative practice
26 agreement.

27 (9) "Collaborative practice agreement protocols" means a formal
28 written statement addressing the parameters of the collaborative practice
29 which are mutually agreed upon by the advanced practice registered nurse
30 and one or more licensed physicians or dentists an advanced practice
31 registered nurse's operating procedures which shall include but not be limited
32 to the following provisions:

33 (a) Availability of the Protocols for collaborating with a physician,
34 or dentist, or other health care provider for consultation or referral, or both.

35 (b) Methods of management of the collaborative practice advanced
36 practice registered nurse's standard operating procedures and emergency
37 procedures which shall include clinical practice guidelines.

38 (c) Coverage of the health care needs of a patient during any absence
39 of the advanced practice registered nurse, physician, or dentist.

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41 (17) "Mentorship agreement" means a formal written statement
42 addressing the parameters of a preceptorship which are mutually agreed upon
43 by an advanced practice registered nurse with a transitional status and one or
44 more licensed physicians, dentists, or advanced practice registered nurses,
45 who are in good standing with their respective licensing board. The
46 mentorship agreement shall include but not be limited to the following
47 provisions:

48 (a) Availability of the mentoring health care provider for consultation
49 or referral, or both.

50 (b) Methods of management of the mentorship which shall include
51 clinical practice guidelines.

52 (c) Coverage of the healthcare needs of a patient during any absence
53 of the advanced practice registered nurse with transitional status.

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55 §918. Duties and powers of the board

56 The board shall:

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58 (22) Have the authority to conduct unannounced inspections of
59 current licensees at sufficient intervals to determine compliance with state
60 and federal requirements or as considered necessary. The inspection may

1 include random audits of the licensee's records, including but not limited to
2 the advanced practice registered nurse's collaborative practice protocols.

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4 §920. ~~Licensure; Registered nurses; licensure; qualifications; examination;~~
5 ~~renewal; temporary permits~~

6 A.~~(1)~~ The board shall issue a license to each applicant who applies for
7 licensure as a registered nurse ~~or an advanced practice registered nurse~~ who
8 files an application upon a form and in such manner as the board prescribes,
9 accompanied by such fee as required in R.S. 37:927, and who furnishes
10 evidence to the board that he:

- 11 (a) Is of good moral character.
- 12 (b) Has completed the requirements of a nursing education program
- 13 approved by the board which prepares him for initial licensure as a registered
- 14 nurse.
- 15 (c) Passes an examination to the satisfaction of the board.
- 16 (d) Has completed certain course work as required by the board.
- 17 (e) Is not in violation of this Part and the rules and regulations.
- 18 (f) Has committed no acts or omissions which constitute grounds for
- 19 disciplinary action as defined in R.S. 37:921, or if found guilty of committing
- 20 such acts or omissions, the board finds, after investigation, that sufficient
- 21 restitution, rehabilitation, and education have occurred.
- 22 (g) Is proficient in the English language if he graduated from a
- 23 nursing education program offered in a foreign country.

24 ~~(2) Any individual applying for licensure as an advanced practice~~
25 ~~registered nurse shall submit proof that he holds a current, unencumbered,~~
26 ~~unrestricted registered nurse license, has satisfactorily completed a formal~~
27 ~~education program preparing graduates to practice specialized and advanced~~
28 ~~nursing practice, and holds a current certification for advanced practice~~
29 ~~granted by a nationally recognized certifying agency whose certification~~
30 ~~program is approved by the board, or in the absence of the availability of~~
31 ~~such certification, has met commensurate requirements as may be established~~
32 ~~by the board. After January 1, 1996, the applicant must show evidence of~~
33 ~~completion of a minimum of a master's degree with a concentration in the~~
34 ~~respective advanced practice nursing specialty, except for those applicants~~
35 ~~who provide documentation that the applicant completed or enrolled in a~~
36 ~~formalized post-basic education program preparing individuals in the~~
37 ~~advanced practice nursing specialty as approved by the board prior to~~
38 ~~December 31, 1995. Those applicants submitting enrollment in a formalized~~
39 ~~post-basic education program preparing individuals in the advanced practice~~
40 ~~nursing specialty prior to December 31, 1995, must maintain continuous~~
41 ~~enrollment prior to December 31, 1995, through completion.~~

42 B.(1) The board may by endorsement issue a license to practice as a
43 registered nurse ~~or an advanced practice registered nurse~~ to any applicant
44 who is duly licensed as a registered nurse under the laws of another state,
45 territory, or country, who files an application upon a form and in such the
46 manner as the board prescribes, accompanied by the fees required in R.S.
47 37:927, meets the requirements of Subparagraphs (A)(1)(a), (b), (d), (e), (f),
48 and (g) of this Section and who furnishes satisfactory evidence to the board
49 that he:

- 50 (a) Had passed an examination for licensure and met, upon
- 51 graduation, all other qualifications for licensure as a registered nurse in this
- 52 state at the time he was initially licensed as a registered nurse.
- 53 (b) Holds a current license issued directly from the jurisdiction of his
- 54 last employment.
- 55 (c) Meets other criteria established by the board.

56 ~~(2) The board may by endorsement issue a license to practice as an~~
57 ~~advanced practice registered nurse if the applicant has practiced as an~~
58 ~~advanced practice registered nurse under the laws of another state and, in the~~
59 ~~opinion of the board, has met the requirements of Paragraph (A)(2) of this~~
60 ~~Section.~~

1 ~~(3)~~ (2) The board may conduct licensure by endorsement only in
2 accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

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4 E.(1) The board shall renew the license of each individual licensed
5 ~~under this Part pursuant to this Section~~ on a schedule to be determined by the
6 board. Each licensee shall submit an application, pay the appropriate renewal
7 fee established by the board, and meet ~~such~~ any other requirements of the
8 board prior to the expiration of his license.

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10 §925. Violations; penalty

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12 C. If a person licensed to practice as a registered nurse or advanced
13 practice registered nurse is found guilty of violating any provision of ~~the this~~
14 Part, the board may suspend, probate, limit, or otherwise restrict, or revoke
15 the license of ~~such the~~ person. The board may require an advanced practice
16 registered nurse who is found guilty of violating any provision of this Part to
17 practice pursuant to a mentorship agreement for a duration determined by the
18 board.

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20 §930. Anesthetics; authority to administer; penalty

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22 E. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the administration of a
23 digital block or a pudental block by an advanced practice registered nurse
24 who has been trained to administer ~~such the procedure in accordance with a~~
25 ~~collaborative practice agreement.~~

26 F. Notwithstanding any ~~laws~~ law to the contrary, a certified
27 registered nurse anesthetist shall not be required to have ~~a collaborative~~
28 ~~practice agreement~~ or prescriptive authority to provide anesthesia care,
29 including the administration of medications, anesthetics, and ancillary
30 services necessary for the delivery of care within his scope of practice under
31 the direction and supervision of a physician or dentist who is licensed to
32 practice under the laws of ~~the state of Louisiana~~ this state.

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34 §936. Advanced practice registered nurses; licensure; qualifications;
35 renewal; temporary permits

36 A. The board shall issue a license to each applicant who applies for
37 licensure as an advanced practice registered nurse who files an application
38 in the manner prescribed by the board, accompanied by the fee required in
39 R.S. 37:927, and who furnishes evidence to the board that he meets all of the
40 following qualifications:

- 41 (a) Is of good moral character.
- 42 (b) Holds a current, unencumbered, unrestricted registered nurse
43 license.
- 44 (c) Has satisfactorily completed a formal education program
45 preparing graduates to practice specialized and advanced nursing practice
46 and earned a minimum of a master's degree with a concentration in the
47 respective advanced practice nursing specialty.
- 48 (d) Holds a current certification for advanced practice granted by a
49 nationally recognized certifying agency whose certification program is
50 approved by the board, or in the absence of the availability of such
51 certification, has met commensurate requirements as may be established by
52 the board.
- 53 (e) Is not in violation of this Part and the rules and regulations of the
54 board.
- 55 (f) Has committed no acts or omissions which constitute grounds for
56 disciplinary action as defined in R.S. 37:921, or if found guilty of committing
57 such acts or omissions, the board finds, after investigation, that sufficient
58 restitution, rehabilitation, and education have occurred.

1 (g) Is proficient in the English language if he graduated from a
 2 nursing education program offered in a foreign country.

3 B. The board may by endorsement issue a license to practice as an
 4 advanced practice registered nurse if the applicant has practiced as an
 5 advanced practice registered nurse under the laws of another state and, in the
 6 opinion of the board, has met the requirements of Subsection A of this
 7 Section. The board shall conduct licensure by endorsement only in
 8 accordance with the provisions of this Subsection.

9 C.(1) The board shall renew the license of each individual licensed
 10 pursuant to this Section on a schedule to be determined by the board. Each
 11 licensee shall submit an application, pay the appropriate renewal fee
 12 established by the board, and meet any other requirements of the board prior
 13 to the expiration of his license.

14 (2) Any individual licensed by this Section who is no longer
 15 practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse in this state may, by
 16 submitting a written request to the board, be granted inactive status. No
 17 payment of an annual licensing fee shall be required by any individual who
 18 has been granted inactive status. The individual may be granted active status
 19 by submitting an application form, paying the appropriate fee established by
 20 the board, and meeting all other requirements of the board.

21 (3) Any individual who is no longer engaged in the practice of
 22 nursing may be granted a license with a retired status upon filing an
 23 application requesting retired status and paying the fee established by the
 24 board.

25 (4) Any individual whose license has lapsed by failing to renew the
 26 license may have his license reinstated by submitting an application, paying
 27 the appropriate fee established by the board, and meeting any other
 28 requirements of the board.

29 D. The board may issue temporary permits pursuant to rules and
 30 regulations adopted and promulgated by the board in accordance with the
 31 Administrative Procedure Act.

32 E. Upon findings of sufficient evidence that the public health and
 33 safety are at risk, the board may require licensees and applicants for licensure
 34 to submit to a physical or mental examination by a health care provider
 35 designated by the board who is licensed to perform such examination. The
 36 licensee or applicant may request a second health care provider to perform
 37 an independent medical examination. Refusal of or failure by the licensees
 38 or applicant to submit to such examination and to sign for release the
 39 findings of such examination to the board shall constitute evidence of any
 40 allegations related to such conditions.

41 §937. Advanced practice registered nursing; transitional practice;
 42 prescriptive authority

43 A.(1) An advanced practice registered nurse who has not completed
 44 a minimum of four thousand hours of patient contact experience as an
 45 advanced practice registered nurse shall receive from the board a license with
 46 a transitional status endorsement to practice pursuant to a mentorship
 47 agreement.

48 (2) An advanced practice registered nurse who applies for an initial
 49 or renewal transitional status license shall submit all of the following to the
 50 board:

51 (a) Proof that the advanced practice registered nurse has entered into
 52 a mentorship agreement with a health care provider as specified by the rules
 53 and regulations of the board.

54 (b) An attestation that the advanced practice registered nurse will
 55 practice in accordance with the standards of the Louisiana State Board of
 56 Nursing and the appropriate national professional nursing organization from
 57 which he has received certification.

58 (c) An attestation that the advanced practice registered nurse has
 59 collaborative practice protocols for consultation, collaboration, and referral
 60 when appropriate pursuant to a mentorship agreement.

1 (d) Proof that the advanced practice registered nurse maintains or is
 2 otherwise covered by medical malpractice liability coverage in an amount to
 3 be determined by the board, but not less than five hundred thousand dollars
 4 per claim with an aggregate liability for all claims during the year of one
 5 million five hundred thousand dollars, or proof of participation in the
 6 Patient's Compensation Fund.

7 (e) Any other requirements as promulgated by the board.

8 (3) An advanced practice registered nurse who receives from the
 9 board a transitional status endorsement shall be granted provisional
 10 prescriptive authority as determined by the rules and regulations of the board.

11 B. An advanced practice registered nurse who has completed a
 12 minimum of four thousand hours of patient contact experience as an
 13 advanced practice registered nurse shall apply for an initial or renewal
 14 license by submitting all of the following to the board:

15 (1) Proof that the advanced practice registered nurse has completed
 16 a minimum of four thousand hours of patient contact experience as an
 17 advanced practice registered nurse on a form required by the board's rules
 18 and regulations.

19 (2) An attestation that the advanced practice registered nurse will
 20 practice in accordance with the standards of practice and scope of practice
 21 established by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the appropriate
 22 national professional nursing organization from which he has received
 23 certification.

24 (3) An attestation that the advanced practice registered nurse has
 25 collaborative practice protocols for consultation, collaboration, and referral
 26 when appropriate.

27 (4) Proof that the advanced practice registered nurse maintains or is
 28 otherwise covered by medical malpractice liability coverage in an amount to
 29 be determined by the board, but not less than five hundred thousand dollars
 30 per claim with an aggregate liability for all claims during the year of one
 31 million five hundred thousand dollars, or proof of participation in the
 32 Patient's Compensation Fund.

33 (5) Any other requirements as promulgated by the board.

34 C. An advanced practice registered nurse shall diagnosis and
 35 prescribe only in accordance with the standards of practice and scope of
 36 practice established by the Louisiana State Board of Nursing and the
 37 appropriate national professional nursing organization from which he has
 38 received certification. The authority to prescribe shall also include the
 39 provision of medication-assisted treatment (MAT), as authorized by the
 40 United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse
 41 and Mental Health Services Administration and in accordance with rules
 42 promulgated by the board. For purposes of this Subsection,
 43 medication-assisted treatment means the use of medications with counseling
 44 and behavioral therapies to treat substance use disorders and prevent opioid
 45 overdose.

46 D. The board may provide, by rule, for a patient contact experience
 47 requirement greater than the minimum four thousand hours when considered
 48 necessary.

49 E. The board may promulgate all rules and regulations, in accordance
 50 with the Administrative Procedure Act, necessary to implement the
 51 provisions of this Section.

52 §938. Advanced practice registered nursing advisory subcommittee

53 A. An advanced practice registered nursing advisory subcommittee
 54 is hereby established and shall be composed of three members of the
 55 Louisiana State Board of Nursing, appointed by the board's president, and
 56 three members of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners,
 57 appointed by the board's president.

58 B. The advisory subcommittee shall meet at least once annually and
 59 shall alternate hosting sites between the Louisiana State Board of Nursing

1 and the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners. The president of the
2 board hosting the subcommittee shall designate a member to act as chairman.

3 C. The purpose of the advisory subcommittee shall be solely to
4 conduct a joint regulatory body review of the state laws relative to advanced
5 practice registered nursing and to facilitate a discussion on proposed
6 revisions to the law.

7 D. No later than thirty days after a meeting, the chairman of the
8 advisory subcommittee shall submit a written report of recommendations to
9 the Louisiana State Board of Nursing, the Louisiana State Board of Medical
10 Examiners, and the House and Senate committees on health and welfare.

11 E. Meetings of the advisory subcommittee shall be subject to the
12 Open Meetings Law.

13 Section 3. R.S. 40:2109.3(A)(2) is hereby amended to read as follows:

14 §2109.3. Pediatric advanced life support training for nurses

15 A. As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply
16 unless the content clearly states otherwise:

17 * * *

18 (2) "Registered nurse" means any person licensed ~~under~~ pursuant to
19 R.S. 37:920 or 936 to engage in the practice of nursing.

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22 Section 4. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2022."