

SENATE BILL No. 447

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-23-1; IC 34-18-2-6.5.

Synopsis: Advanced practice registered nurses. Adds two additional members to the Indiana state board of nursing (board) and changes the required qualifications for certain members. Amends the definition of "certified registered nurse anesthetist". Adds the following definitions: (1) "Certified nurse midwife". (2) "Clinical nurse specialist". (3) "Nurse practitioner". Specifies that a license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse expires on October 31 in each odd-numbered year. Makes conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2025.

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January 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.



First Regular Session of the 124th General Assembly (2025)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-1.4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.177-2009,
 2 SECTION 42, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 3 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 1.4. **(a)** As used in this chapter, "certified
 4 registered nurse anesthetist" means **a an advanced practice** registered
 5 nurse who:
 6 **(1)** is a graduate of a nurse anesthesia educational program
 7 accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia
 8 Educational Programs or its predecessor;
 9 **(2)** is properly certified by successfully completing the
 10 certification examination administered by the Council on
 11 Certification of Nurse Anesthetists or its predecessor; and
 12 **(3)** is properly certified and in compliance with criteria for
 13 biennial recertification, as defined by the Council on
 14 Recertification of Nurse Anesthetists.
 15 **(1)** has completed a graduate or doctoral program by a college
 16 or university accredited by the Commission on Recognition of
 17 Postsecondary Accreditation that prepares the advanced



1 **practice registered nurse to practice as a certified registered**
 2 **nurse anesthetist;**

3 **(2) maintains certification by a national certifying body as**
 4 **recognized by the board appropriate to the advanced practice**
 5 **registered nurse's role; and**

6 **(3) is licensed as a registered nurse in Indiana.**

7 **(b) If the application and qualifications are approved by the**
 8 **board, the applicant is entitled to receive a license that allows the**
 9 **applicant to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse**
 10 **certified registered nurse anesthetist.**

11 SECTION 2. IC 25-23-1-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.131-2020,
 12 SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 13 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 2. (a) There is established the Indiana state board
 14 of nursing consisting of ~~nine (9)~~ **eleven (11)** members appointed by the
 15 governor as follows, each to serve a term under IC 25-1-6.5:

16 (1) Subject to IC 25-1-6.5-3, ~~six (6)~~ **eight (8)** of the board
 17 members must be registered nurses who are committed to
 18 advancing and safeguarding the nursing profession as a whole.
 19 ~~One (1)~~ **Two (2)** of the members appointed under this subdivision
 20 must be an advanced practice registered nurse **with at least one**
 21 **(1) member** who has, or has had, prescriptive authority.

22 (2) Two (2) of the board's members must be licensed practical
 23 nurses.

24 (3) One (1) member of the board, to represent the general public,
 25 must be a resident of this state and not be associated with nursing
 26 in any way other than as a consumer.

27 (b) A member of the board may be removed under IC 25-1-6.5-4.

28 SECTION 3. IC 25-23-1-13.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.232-2013,
 29 SECTION 19, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 30 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 13.1. (a) ~~An applicant who desires to practice~~
 31 ~~certified nurse midwifery shall present to the board the applicant's~~
 32 ~~license as a registered nurse and a diploma earned by the applicant~~
 33 ~~from a school of midwifery approved or licensed by the board or~~
 34 ~~licensing agency for midwives that is located in any state. As used in~~
 35 **this chapter, "certified nurse midwife" means an advanced**
 36 **practice registered nurse who:**

37 **(1) has completed a graduate or doctoral program by a college**
 38 **or university accredited by the Commission on Recognition of**
 39 **Postsecondary Accreditation that prepares the advanced**
 40 **practice registered nurse to practice as a nurse midwife;**

41 **(2) maintains a certification from a national certifying body**
 42 **or certification equivalent as recognized by the board**



1 **appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's role;**
2 **and**
3 **(3) is licensed as a registered nurse in Indiana.**

4 (b) The applicant shall submit to an examination in certified nurse
5 midwifery prescribed or administered by the board. If the application
6 and qualifications are approved by the board, the applicant is entitled
7 to receive a license **as an advanced practice registered nurse**
8 **certified nurse midwife** that allows the applicant to practice midwifery
9 as a certified nurse midwife.

10 (c) The board shall adopt rules under section 7 of this chapter:

- 11 (1) defining the scope of practice of a certified nurse midwife; and
12 (2) for implementing this section.

13 (d) A ~~certified~~ **registered** nurse who holds a license to practice
14 midwifery under this section (formerly referred to as a "midwife"
15 before the repeal of IC 34-18-2-19) shall, beginning July 1, 2013, be
16 known as a "certified nurse midwife".

17 SECTION 4. IC 25-23-1-13.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
18 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
19 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 13.2. (a) As used in this chapter,**
20 **"clinical nurse specialist" means an advanced practice registered**
21 **nurse who:**

22 **(1) has completed a graduate, postgraduate, or doctoral**
23 **program offered by a college or university accredited by the**
24 **Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation**
25 **that prepares the advanced practice registered nurse to**
26 **practice as a clinical nurse specialist;**

27 **(2) maintains certification from a national certifying body or**
28 **certification equivalent as recognized by the board**
29 **appropriate to the advanced practice registered nurse's role;**
30 **and**

31 **(3) is licensed as a registered nurse in Indiana.**

32 **(b) If the application and qualifications are approved by the**
33 **board, the applicant is entitled to receive a license that allows the**
34 **applicant to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse**
35 **clinical nurse specialist.**

36 **(c) Not later than December 30, 2026, the board shall**
37 **promulgate a rule to establish certification equivalency.**

38 SECTION 5. IC 25-23-1-13.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
39 CODE AS A **NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS**
40 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025]: **Sec. 13.3. (a) As used in this chapter,**
41 **"nurse practitioner" means an advanced practice registered nurse**
42 **who:**



- 1 **(1) has completed a graduate, postgraduate, or doctoral**
 2 **program offered by a college or university accredited by the**
 3 **Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation**
 4 **that prepares the advanced practice registered nurse to**
 5 **practice as a nurse practitioner;**
 6 **(2) maintains certification from a national certifying body as**
 7 **recognized by the board appropriate to the advanced practice**
 8 **registered nurse's role; and**
 9 **(3) is licensed as a registered nurse in Indiana.**

10 **(b) If the application and qualifications are approved by the**
 11 **board, the applicant is entitled to receive a license that allows the**
 12 **applicant to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse**
 13 **nurse practitioner.**

14 SECTION 6. IC 25-23-1-16.1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.135-2019,
 15 SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 16 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 16.1. (a) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), a license to
 17 practice as a registered nurse expires on October 31 in each
 18 odd-numbered year. Failure to renew the license on or before the
 19 expiration date will automatically render the license invalid without
 20 any action by the board.

21 (b) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), a license to practice as a licensed
 22 practical nurse expires on October 31 in each even-numbered year.
 23 Failure to renew the license on or before the expiration date will
 24 automatically render the license invalid without any action by the
 25 board.

26 **(c) Subject to IC 25-1-2-6(e), a license to practice as an**
 27 **advanced practice registered nurse expires on October 31 in each**
 28 **odd-numbered year. Failure to renew the license on or before the**
 29 **expiration date will automatically render the license invalid**
 30 **without any action by the board.**

31 ~~(e)~~ **(d)** The procedures and fee for renewal shall be set by the board.
 32 If the license being renewed is a multistate license (as defined in
 33 IC 25-42-1-11) under IC 25-42 (Nurse Licensure Compact), a fee of
 34 twenty-five dollars (\$25) must be paid in addition to the fee for renewal
 35 set by the board.

36 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** At the time of license renewal, each registered nurse, **each**
 37 **advanced practice registered nurse**, and each licensed practical nurse
 38 shall pay a renewal fee, a portion of which shall be for the
 39 rehabilitation of impaired registered nurses, **impaired advanced**
 40 **practice registered nurses**, and impaired licensed practical nurses.
 41 The lesser of the following amounts from fees collected under this
 42 subsection shall be deposited in the impaired nurses account of the



1 state general fund established by section 34 of this chapter:
2 (1) Twenty-five percent (25%) of the license renewal fee per
3 license renewed under this section.
4 (2) The cost per license to operate the impaired nurses program,
5 as determined by the Indiana professional licensing agency.

6 SECTION 7. IC 25-23-1-34, AS AMENDED BY P.L.148-2023,
7 SECTION 18, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
8 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 34. (a) The impaired nurses account is established
9 within the state general fund for the purposes of providing money for:
10 (1) providing rehabilitation of impaired registered nurses or
11 licensed practical nurses under this article;
12 (2) funding the education compliance officer provided for under
13 section 21.5 of this chapter; and
14 (3) carrying out any of the duties of the board.

15 The account shall be administered by the Indiana professional licensing
16 agency.

17 (b) Expenses of administering the account shall be paid from money
18 in the account. The account consists of the following:
19 (1) Funds collected for the rehabilitation of impaired registered
20 nurses and impaired licensed practical nurses under sections
21 11(h), 12(g), and ~~16.1(d)~~ **16.1(e)** of this chapter.
22 (2) Funds collected under section 31(c)(2) of this chapter.
23 (3) Fines collected from registered nurses or licensed practical
24 nurses under IC 25-1-9-9(a)(6).

25 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the account not
26 currently needed to meet the obligations of the account in the same
27 manner as other public money may be invested.

28 (d) Money in the account is appropriated to the board for the
29 purposes stated in subsection (a).

30 (e) The amount paid from the impaired nurses account in a state
31 fiscal year for the purposes stated in subsection (a)(2) and (a)(3) may
32 not exceed twelve and one-half percent (12.5%) of the average yearly
33 revenue of the impaired nurses account for the two (2) preceding state
34 fiscal years.

35 SECTION 8. IC 34-18-2-6.5, AS ADDED BY P.L.232-2013,
36 SECTION 22, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
37 JULY 1, 2025]: Sec. 6.5. "Certified nurse midwife" means **a** **an**
38 **advanced practice** registered nurse who holds a license to practice
39 midwifery under IC 25-23-1-13.1.

