

1 AN ACT relating to the profession of nursing.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 314.042 is amended to read as follows:

- 4 (1) An applicant for licensure to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse shall  
5 file with the board a written application for licensure and submit evidence, verified  
6 by oath, that the applicant:
- 7 (a) Has completed an education program that prepares the registered nurse for  
8 one (1) of four (4) APRN roles that has been accredited by a national nursing  
9 accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education;
  - 10 (b) Is certified by a nationally established organization or agency recognized by  
11 the board to certify registered nurses for advanced practice registered nursing;
  - 12 (c) Is able to understandably speak and write the English language and to read the  
13 English language with comprehension; and
  - 14 (d) Has passed the jurisprudence examination approved by the board as provided  
15 in subsection (5)~~[(13)]~~ of this section.
- 16 **(2) *Upon request, an applicant who meets the requirements of subsection (1)(a), (c),***  
17 ***and (d) of this section, but has not yet taken the national certification exam, may***  
18 ***be issued a provisional license that shall expire no later than six (6) months from***  
19 ***the date of issuance.***
- 20 **(3) *An individual who holds a provisional license shall have the right to use the title***  
21 ***"advanced practice registered nurse applicant" and the abbreviation "APRNA"***  
22 ***An APRNA may function as an APRN, except for prescribing medications and***  
23 ***shall only practice under a mentorship with an advanced practice registered***  
24 ***nurse or a physician.***
- 25 **(4) (a) *An APRNA shall take and pass the national certification exam recognized***  
26 ***by the board to the certify registered nurses for advanced practice registered***  
27 ***nursing within the six (6) month term of the provisional license to become a***

1 fully licensed APRN.

2 (b) If the APRNA fails to take and pass the national certification exam on the  
 3 first attempt, the APRNA shall be given one (1) more opportunity to take  
 4 and pass the exam.

5 (c) If the APRNA does not pass the national certification exam on the second  
 6 attempt, the provisional license shall immediately be terminated.

7 (5) The jurisprudence examination shall be prescribed by the board and be  
 8 conducted on the licensing requirements under this chapter and administrative  
 9 regulations applicable to advance practice registered nursing promulgated in  
 10 accordance with KRS Chapter 13A.

11 ~~(6)(2)~~ The board may issue a license to practice advanced practice registered nursing  
 12 to an applicant who holds a current active registered nurse license issued by the  
 13 board or holds the privilege to practice as a registered nurse in this state and meets  
 14 the qualifications of subsection (1) of this section. An advanced practice registered  
 15 nurse shall be:

- 16 (a) Designated by the board as a certified registered nurse anesthetist, certified  
 17 nurse midwife, certified nurse practitioner, or clinical nurse specialist; and  
 18 (b) Certified in at least one (1) population focus.

19 ~~(7)(3)~~ The applicant for licensure or renewal thereof to practice as an advanced  
 20 practice registered nurse shall pay a fee to the board as set forth in regulation by the  
 21 board.

22 ~~(8)(4)~~ An advanced practice registered nurse shall maintain a current active  
 23 registered nurse license issued by the board or hold the privilege to practice as a  
 24 registered nurse in this state and maintain current certification by the appropriate  
 25 national organization or agency recognized by the board.

26 ~~(9)(5)~~ Any person who holds a license to practice as an advanced practice registered  
 27 nurse in this state shall have the right to use the title "advanced practice registered

1 nurse" and the abbreviation "APRN." No other person shall assume the title or use  
2 the abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the  
3 person using the same is an advanced practice registered nurse. No person shall  
4 practice as an advanced practice registered nurse unless licensed under this section.

5 ~~(10)~~~~(6)~~ Any person heretofore licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse under  
6 the provisions of this chapter who has allowed the license to lapse may be reinstated  
7 on payment of the current fee and by meeting the provisions of this chapter and  
8 regulations promulgated by the board pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter  
9 13A.

10 ~~(11)~~~~(7)~~ The board may authorize a person to practice as an advanced practice  
11 registered nurse temporarily and pursuant to applicable regulations promulgated by  
12 the board pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A if the person is awaiting  
13 licensure by endorsement.

14 ~~(12)~~~~(8)~~ (a) Except as authorized by subsection ~~(13)~~~~(9)~~ of this section, before an  
15 advanced practice registered nurse engages in the prescribing or dispensing of  
16 nonscheduled legend drugs as authorized by KRS 314.011(8), the advanced  
17 practice registered nurse shall enter into a written "Collaborative Agreement  
18 for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse's Prescriptive Authority for  
19 Nonscheduled Legend Drugs" (CAPA-NS) with a physician licensed in  
20 Kentucky that defines the scope of the prescriptive authority for nonscheduled  
21 legend drugs.

22 (b) The advanced practice registered nurse shall notify the Kentucky Board of  
23 Nursing of the existence of the CAPA-NS and the name of the collaborating  
24 physician and shall, upon request, furnish to the board or its staff a copy of the  
25 completed CAPA-NS. The Kentucky Board of Nursing shall notify the  
26 Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure that a CAPA-NS exists and furnish the  
27 collaborating physician's name.

- 1 (c) The CAPA-NS shall be in writing and signed by both the advanced practice  
2 registered nurse and the collaborating physician. A copy of the completed  
3 collaborative agreement shall be available at each site where the advanced  
4 practice registered nurse is providing patient care.
- 5 (d) The CAPA-NS shall describe the arrangement for collaboration and  
6 communication between the advanced practice registered nurse and the  
7 collaborating physician regarding the prescribing of nonscheduled legend  
8 drugs by the advanced practice registered nurse.
- 9 (e) The advanced practice registered nurse who is prescribing nonscheduled  
10 legend drugs and the collaborating physician shall be qualified in the same or  
11 a similar specialty.
- 12 (f) The CAPA-NS is not intended to be a substitute for the exercise of  
13 professional judgment by the advanced practice registered nurse or by the  
14 collaborating physician.
- 15 (g) The CAPA-NS shall be reviewed and signed by both the advanced practice  
16 registered nurse and the collaborating physician and may be rescinded by  
17 either party upon written notice to the other party and the Kentucky Board of  
18 Nursing.
- 19 ~~(13)~~~~(9)~~ (a) Before an advanced practice registered nurse may discontinue or be  
20 exempt from a CAPA-NS required under subsection ~~(12)~~~~(8)~~ of this section,  
21 the advanced practice registered nurse shall have completed four (4) years of  
22 prescribing as a certified nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified  
23 nurse midwife, or as a certified registered nurse anesthetist. For nurse  
24 practitioners and clinical nurse specialists, the four (4) years of prescribing  
25 shall be in a population focus as defined in KRS 314.011.
- 26 (b) After four (4) years of prescribing with a CAPA-NS in collaboration with a  
27 physician:

- 1           1.    An advanced practice registered nurse whose license is in good standing  
2                    at that time with the Kentucky Board of Nursing and who will be  
3                    prescribing nonscheduled legend drugs without a CAPA-NS shall notify  
4                    that board that the four (4) year requirement has been met and that he or  
5                    she will be prescribing nonscheduled legend drugs without a CAPA-NS;
  - 6           2.    The advanced practice registered nurse will no longer be required to  
7                    maintain a CAPA-NS and shall not be compelled to maintain a CAPA-  
8                    NS as a condition to prescribe after the four (4) years have expired, but  
9                    an advanced practice registered nurse may choose to maintain a CAPA-  
10                  NS indefinitely after the four (4) years have expired; and
  - 11          3.    If the advanced practice registered nurse's license is not in good  
12                  standing, the CAPA-NS requirement shall not be removed until the  
13                  license is restored to good standing.
- 14          (c)   An advanced practice registered nurse wishing to practice in Kentucky  
15                  through licensure by endorsement is exempt from the CAPA-NS requirement  
16                  if the advanced practice registered nurse:
- 17              1.    Has met the prescribing requirements in a state that grants independent  
18                      prescribing to advanced practice registered nurses; and
  - 19              2.    Has been prescribing for at least four (4) years.
- 20          (d)   An advanced practice registered nurse wishing to practice in Kentucky  
21                  through licensure by endorsement who had a collaborative prescribing  
22                  agreement with a physician in another state for at least four (4) years is  
23                  exempt from the CAPA-NS requirement.
- 24          ~~(14)~~~~(10)~~ (a)   There is hereby established the "Collaborative Agreement for the  
25                  Advanced Practice Registered Nurse's Prescriptive Authority for Controlled  
26                  Substances" (CAPA-CS) Committee. The committee shall be composed of  
27                  four (4) members selected as follows:

- 1           1. Two (2) members shall be advanced practice registered nurses who  
2           currently prescribe or have prescribed scheduled drugs, each appointed  
3           by the Kentucky Board of Nursing from a list of names submitted for  
4           each position by the Kentucky Association of Nurse Practitioners and  
5           Nurse-Midwives; and
- 6           2. Two (2) members shall be physicians who have currently or had  
7           previously a signed CAPA-CS with an advanced practice registered  
8           nurse who prescribes scheduled drugs, each appointed by the Kentucky  
9           Board of Medical Licensure from a list of names submitted for each  
10          position by the Kentucky Medical Association.
- 11         (b) Within sixty (60) days of June 29, 2023, the committee shall develop a  
12         standardized CAPA-CS form to be used in accordance with the provisions of  
13         subsection ~~(15)~~~~(11)~~ of this section. The standardized CAPA-CS form shall  
14         be used by all advanced practice registered nurses and all physicians in  
15         Kentucky who enter into a CAPA-CS.
- 16         (c) The committee may be reconvened at the request of the Kentucky Board of  
17         Nursing or the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure if it becomes necessary  
18         to update the standardized CAPA-CS form.
- 19         (d) The Kentucky Board of Nursing and the Kentucky Board of Medical  
20         Licensure shall each be responsible for and have exclusive authority over their  
21         respective members appointed to the committee.
- 22         (e) The committee shall be attached to the Kentucky Board of Nursing for  
23         administrative purposes. The Kentucky Board of Nursing shall be responsible  
24         for the expenses of its members. The Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure  
25         shall be responsible for the expenses of its members.
- 26         (f) The Kentucky Board of Nursing shall promulgate an administrative regulation  
27         pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A within ninety (90) days of June 29, 2023, to

1 establish and implement the standardized CAPA-CS form developed by the  
2 committee.

3 ~~(15)~~~~(14)~~ (a) Except as provided in subsections ~~(17)~~~~(14)~~ and ~~(18)~~~~(15)~~ of this  
4 section, before an advanced practice registered nurse engages in the  
5 prescribing of Schedules II through V controlled substances as authorized by  
6 KRS 314.011(8), the advanced practice registered nurse shall enter into a  
7 written "Collaborative Agreement for the Advanced Practice Registered  
8 Nurse's Prescriptive Authority for Controlled Substances" (CAPA-CS) on a  
9 standardized CAPA-CS form with a physician licensed in Kentucky that  
10 defines the scope of the prescriptive authority for controlled substances.

11 (b) The advanced practice registered nurse shall notify the Kentucky Board of  
12 Nursing of the existence of the CAPA-CS and the name of the collaborating  
13 physician and shall, upon request, furnish to the board or its staff a copy of the  
14 completed standardized CAPA-CS form. The Kentucky Board of Nursing  
15 shall notify the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure that a CAPA-CS exists  
16 and furnish an executed copy of the Kentucky Board of Nursing notification  
17 of a CAPA-CS completed by the advanced practice registered nurse to the  
18 Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

19 (c) The CAPA-CS shall be in writing and signed by both the advanced practice  
20 registered nurse and the collaborating physician. A copy of the completed  
21 standardized CAPA-CS form shall be available at each site where the  
22 advanced practice registered nurse is providing patient care.

23 (d) The CAPA-CS shall describe the arrangement for collaboration and  
24 communication between the advanced practice registered nurse and the  
25 collaborating physician regarding the prescribing of controlled substances by  
26 the advanced practice registered nurse.

27 (e) The advanced practice registered nurse who is prescribing controlled

1 substances and the collaborating physician shall be qualified in the same or a  
2 similar specialty.

3 (f) The CAPA-CS is not intended to be a substitute for the appropriate exercise  
4 of professional judgment by the advanced practice registered nurse or by the  
5 collaborating physician.

6 (g) The relevant statutes and regulations pertaining to the prescribing authority of  
7 advanced practice registered nurses for controlled substances shall be  
8 reviewed by the advanced practice registered nurse and the collaborating  
9 physician at the outset of the CAPA-CS.

10 (h) Prior to prescribing controlled substances, the advanced practice registered  
11 nurse shall obtain a Controlled Substance Registration Certificate through the  
12 United States Drug Enforcement Administration.

13 (i) The CAPA-CS shall be reviewed and signed by both the advanced practice  
14 registered nurse and the collaborating physician and may be rescinded by  
15 either party upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party. The  
16 advanced practice registered nurse shall notify the Kentucky Board of Nursing  
17 that the CAPA-CS has been rescinded. The Kentucky Board of Nursing shall  
18 notify the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure that the CAPA-CS has been  
19 rescinded and shall furnish an executed copy of the Kentucky Board of  
20 Nursing rescission of a CAPA-CS completed by the advanced practice  
21 registered nurse or by the collaborating physician to the Kentucky Board of  
22 Medical Licensure.

23 (j) The CAPA-CS shall state any limits on controlled substances which may be  
24 prescribed by the advanced practice registered nurse, as agreed to by the  
25 advanced practice registered nurse and the collaborating physician. The limits  
26 so imposed may be more stringent than either the schedule limits on  
27 controlled substances established in KRS 314.011(8) or the limits imposed in



1 regulations promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Nursing thereunder. The  
2 CAPA-CS shall also include any requirements, as agreed to by both the  
3 advanced practice registered nurse and the collaborating physician, for  
4 communication between the advanced practice registered nurse and the  
5 collaborating physician.

6 (k) Within thirty (30) days of obtaining a Controlled Substance Registration  
7 Certificate from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, and  
8 prior to prescribing controlled substances, the advanced practice registered  
9 nurse shall register with the electronic system for monitoring controlled  
10 substances established by KRS 218A.202 and shall provide a copy of the  
11 registration certificate to the board.

12 (l) After June 29, 2023, for advanced practice registered nurses who have not had  
13 a CAPA-CS:

14 1. An advanced practice registered nurse wishing to have a CAPA-CS in  
15 his or her first year of licensure must be employed by a health care  
16 entity or provider. If the employing provider is an advanced practice  
17 registered nurse, he or she must have completed four (4) years of  
18 prescribing with a CAPA-CS and no longer be required to maintain a  
19 CAPA-CS;

20 2. In the first year of the CAPA-CS, the advanced practice registered nurse  
21 and the physician shall meet at least quarterly, either in person or via  
22 video conferencing, to review the advanced practice registered nurse's  
23 reverse KASPER report or that of the prescription drug monitoring  
24 program (PDMP) currently in use in Kentucky pursuant to KRS  
25 218A.202. The advanced practice registered nurse and the collaborating  
26 physician may meet via telephonic communication when an in-person  
27 meeting or videoconferencing session is not logistically or

1           technologically feasible. The review of specific prescriptions identified  
2           in the reverse KASPER report or that of the PDMP currently in use in  
3           Kentucky pursuant to KRS 218A.202 by the advanced practice  
4           registered nurse and the collaborating physician may include  
5           information from the patient's medical record that relates to the  
6           condition or conditions being treated with controlled substances by the  
7           advanced practice registered nurse to facilitate meaningful discussion. A  
8           record of the meeting date, summary of discussions, and any  
9           recommendations made shall be made in writing and a copy retained by  
10          both parties to the agreement for a period of one (1) year past the  
11          expiration of the CAPA-CS. The meeting records shall be subject to  
12          audit by the Kentucky Board of Nursing for the advanced practice  
13          registered nurse and by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure for  
14          the physician. The sole purpose of the audit shall be to document that  
15          the collaboration meetings have taken place as required by this section  
16          and that other provisions of this section have been met; and

- 17          3. In the ensuing three (3) years of the CAPA-CS, the advanced practice  
18          registered nurse and the physician shall meet at least biannually in  
19          person or via video conferencing to review the advanced practice  
20          registered nurse's reverse KASPER report or that of the PDMP currently  
21          in use in Kentucky pursuant to KRS 218A.202. The advanced practice  
22          registered nurse and the collaborating physician may meet via  
23          telephonic communication when an in-person meeting or  
24          videoconferencing session is not logistically or technologically feasible.  
25          The review of specific prescriptions identified in the reverse KASPER  
26          report or that of the PDMP currently in use in Kentucky pursuant to  
27          KRS 218A.202 by the advanced practice registered nurse and the

1 collaborating physician may include information from the patient's  
2 medical record that relates to the condition or conditions being treated  
3 with controlled substances by the advanced practice registered nurse to  
4 facilitate meaningful discussion. A record of the meeting date, summary  
5 of discussions, and any recommendations made shall be noted in writing  
6 and a copy retained by both parties to the agreement for a period of one  
7 (1) year past the expiration of the CAPA-CS. The meeting records shall  
8 be subject to audit by the Kentucky Board of Nursing for the advanced  
9 practice registered nurse and by the Kentucky Board of Medical  
10 Licensure for the physician. The sole purpose of the audit shall be to  
11 document that the collaboration meetings have taken place as required  
12 by this section and that other provisions of this section have been met.

13 ~~(16)~~~~(12)~~ Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as requiring an advanced practice  
14 registered nurse designated by the board as a certified registered nurse anesthetist to  
15 enter into a collaborative agreement with a physician, pursuant to this chapter or  
16 any other provision of law, in order to deliver anesthesia care.}

17 ~~(13) The jurisprudence examination shall be prescribed by the board and be conducted~~  
18 ~~on the licensing requirements under this chapter and board regulations and~~  
19 ~~requirements applicable to advanced practice registered nursing in this~~  
20 ~~Commonwealth. The board shall promulgate administrative regulations in~~  
21 ~~accordance with KRS Chapter 13A, establishing the provisions to meet this~~  
22 ~~requirement}.~~

23 ~~(17)~~~~(14)~~ (a) Except as provided in subsection ~~(18)~~~~(15)~~ of this section, an advanced  
24 practice registered nurse who wishes to continue to prescribe controlled  
25 substances may be exempt from a CAPA-CS required under subsection  
26 ~~(15)~~~~(11)~~ of this section if the advanced practice registered nurse has:

1. Completed four (4) years of prescribing authority for controlled

- 1 substances with a CAPA-CS;
- 2 2. Maintained a United States Drug Enforcement Administration
- 3 registration; and
- 4 3. Maintained a master account with KASPER or the PDMP currently in
- 5 use in Kentucky pursuant to KRS 218A.202.
- 6 (b) On or after June 29, 2023:
- 7 1. An advanced practice registered nurse who has had four (4) years of
- 8 prescribing authority with a CAPA-CS and who wishes to prescribe
- 9 controlled substances without a CAPA-CS shall submit, via the APRN
- 10 update portal, a request for review from the Kentucky Board of Nursing
- 11 that the advanced practice registered nurse's license is in good standing;
- 12 2. An advanced practice registered nurse who has fewer than four (4) years
- 13 of prescribing authority with a CAPA-CS and who wishes to prescribe
- 14 controlled substances without a CAPA-CS shall complete the required
- 15 number of years under the then-current CAPA-CS to reach four (4)
- 16 years and shall submit, via the APRN update portal, a request for review
- 17 from the Kentucky Board of Nursing that the advanced practice
- 18 registered nurse's license is in good standing. However, if the then-
- 19 current CAPA-CS expires or is rescinded prior to the end of the four (4)
- 20 year term, a new CAPA-CS shall be required and subject to the
- 21 provisions of this section;
- 22 3. The advanced practice registered nurse shall not prescribe controlled
- 23 substances without a CAPA-CS until the board has completed its review
- 24 and has notified the advanced practice registered nurse in writing that
- 25 the advanced practice registered nurse is exempt from the CAPA-CS
- 26 requirement; and
- 27 4. The review request shall include the payment of a fee set by the board

1 through the promulgation of an administrative regulation.

2 (c) Upon receipt of a request pursuant to this subsection, the Kentucky Board of  
3 Nursing shall perform a review to determine whether the license of the  
4 advanced practice registered nurse is in good standing based upon an  
5 evaluation of the criteria specified in this subsection and in the administrative  
6 regulation promulgated by the board pursuant to this subsection, including but  
7 not limited to verification:

- 8 1. That a current United States Drug Enforcement Administration  
9 registration certificate for the advanced practice registered nurse is on  
10 file with the board;
- 11 2. That a current CAPA-CS notification for the advanced practice  
12 registered nurse is on file with the board;
- 13 3. That the advanced practice registered nurse has an active master account  
14 with the electronic system for monitoring controlled substances pursuant  
15 to KRS 218A.202;
- 16 4. Through a criminal background check of the absence of any unreported  
17 misdemeanor or felony convictions in Kentucky; and
- 18 5. Through a check of the coordinated licensure information system  
19 specified in KRS 314.475 of the absence of any unreported disciplinary  
20 actions in another state.

21 (d) Based on the findings of these actions, the Kentucky Board of Nursing shall  
22 determine if the advanced practice registered nurse's license is in good  
23 standing for the purpose of removing the requirement for the advanced  
24 practice registered nurse to have a CAPA-CS in order to prescribe controlled  
25 substances.

26 (e) If the advanced practice registered nurse's license is found to be in good  
27 standing, the advanced practice registered nurse shall be notified by the board

1 in writing that a CAPA-CS is no longer required. The advanced practice  
2 registered nurse shall not be required to maintain a CAPA-CS as a condition  
3 to prescribe controlled substances unless the board later imposes such a  
4 requirement as part of an action instituted under KRS 314.091(1). An  
5 advanced practice registered nurse may choose to maintain a CAPA-CS  
6 indefinitely after the determination of good standing has been made. An  
7 advanced practice registered nurse who chooses to prescribe without a CAPA-  
8 CS shall be held to the same standard of care as all other providers with  
9 prescriptive authority.

10 (f) If the advanced practice registered nurse's license is found not to be in good  
11 standing, the CAPA-CS requirement shall not be removed until the license is  
12 restored to good standing, as directed by the board.

13 (g) The Kentucky Board of Nursing shall conduct random audits of the  
14 prescribing practices of advanced practice registered nurses, including those  
15 who are no longer required to have a CAPA-CS in order to prescribe, through  
16 a review of data obtained from the KASPER report or that of the PDMP  
17 currently in use in Kentucky pursuant to KRS 218A.202 and shall take  
18 disciplinary action under KRS 314.091(1) if a violation has occurred.

19 ~~(18)~~~~(15)~~ (a) An advanced practice registered nurse wishing to practice in Kentucky  
20 through licensure by endorsement is exempt from the CAPA-CS requirement  
21 if the advanced practice registered nurse:

- 22 1. Has met the prescribing requirements for controlled substances in a state  
23 that grants such prescribing authority to advanced practice registered  
24 nurses;
- 25 2. Has had authority to prescribe controlled substances for at least four (4)  
26 years; and
- 27 3. Has a license in good standing as described in subsection ~~(17)~~~~(14)~~ of

1 this section and in the administrative regulation promulgated by the  
2 board pursuant to subsection ~~(17)~~(14) of this section.

3 (b) An advanced practice registered nurse wishing to practice in Kentucky  
4 through licensure by endorsement who has had the authority to prescribe  
5 controlled substances for less than four (4) years and wishes to continue to  
6 prescribe controlled substances shall enter into a CAPA-CS with a physician  
7 licensed in Kentucky and comply with the provisions of this section until the  
8 cumulative four (4) year requirement is met, after which the advanced practice  
9 registered nurse who wishes to prescribe controlled substances without a  
10 CAPA-CS shall follow the process identified in subsection ~~(17)~~(14) of this  
11 section and in the administrative regulation promulgated by the board  
12 pursuant to subsection ~~(17)~~(14) of this section.

13 ~~(19)~~(16) An advanced practice registered nurse shall not prescribe controlled  
14 substances without a CAPA-CS until the board has completed its review and has  
15 notified the advanced practice registered nurse in writing that the advanced practice  
16 registered nurse is exempt from the CAPA-CS requirement.

17 ➔Section 2. KRS 314.121 is amended to read as follows:

18 (1) The Governor shall appoint a Board of Nursing consisting of seventeen (17)  
19 members:

20 (a) ~~Three (3)~~~~Ten (10)~~ members shall be registered nurses ***actively engaged in***  
21 ***clinical practice and*** licensed to practice in the Commonwealth, ***selected***  
22 ***from a list of names submitted by the Kentucky Nurses Association***, ~~with~~  
23 ~~the Governor ensuring that the appointees represent different specialties from~~  
24 ~~a broad cross-section of the nursing profession after soliciting and receiving~~  
25 ~~nominations from recognized specialty state component societies];~~

26 ***(b) Three (3) members shall be advanced practice registered nurses actively***  
27 ***engaged in clinical practice and licensed to practice in the Commonwealth,***

1 two (2) of whom shall be selected from a list of names submitted by the  
 2 Kentucky Association of Nurse Practitioners and Nurse Midwives, and one  
 3 (1) of whom shall be a certified nurse anesthetist selected from a list of  
 4 names submitted by the Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists;

5 (c) Two (2)~~[(b) — Three (3)]~~ members shall be practical nurses actively  
 6 engaged in clinical practice and licensed to practice in the Commonwealth,  
 7 selected from a list of names submitted by the Kentucky Association of  
 8 Licensed Practical Nurses;

9 (d)~~[(e)]~~ One (1) member shall be a nurse service administrator actively engaged  
 10 in practice who is a registered nurse licensed to practice in the  
 11 Commonwealth, selected from a list of names submitted by the Kentucky  
 12 Organization of Nurse Leaders;

13 (e) Four (4)~~[(d) — One (1)]~~ members~~[member]~~ shall be actively engaged in  
 14 nursing~~[practical nurse]~~ education, each of whom~~[who]~~ is a registered nurse  
 15 licensed to practice in the Commonwealth, three (3) of whom shall be  
 16 selected from a list of names submitted by the Kentucky League for Nursing  
 17 and one (1) of whom shall be selected from a list of names submitted by the  
 18 Kentucky Nurses Association;~~[and]~~

19 (f) Two (2) members shall be registered nurses experienced in long-term care,  
 20 one (1) of whom shall be selected from a list of names submitted by  
 21 LeadingAge Kentucky, and one (1) of whom shall be selected from a list of  
 22 names submitted by the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities;  
 23 and

24 (g)~~[(e)]~~ Two (2) members shall be citizens at large, who are not associated with  
 25 or financially interested in the practice or business regulated.

26 (2) Each appointment shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate and shall be for a  
 27 term of four (4) years expiring on June 30 of the fourth year, except in 2024, when



1 *new appointments shall be made by the Governor after the effective date of this*  
 2 *Act.* ~~1~~[No] board member shall ***not*** serve for more than three (3) consecutive  
 3 terms~~. Any board member who is serving at least a third consecutive term on April~~  
 4 ~~7, 2022],~~ ***and*** shall be ineligible for reappointment until the passage of one (1) full  
 5 four (4) year appointment cycle. ~~The cycle for appointments and expiration of~~  
 6 terms shall be as follows:

- 7 ~~(a) The first year of the four (4) year cycle, the terms for three (3) registered~~  
 8 ~~nurses and one (1) licensed practical nurse shall expire;~~  
 9 ~~(b) The second year of the four (4) year cycle, the terms for three (3) registered~~  
 10 ~~nurses and one (1) citizen at large shall expire;~~  
 11 ~~(c) The third year of the four (4) year cycle, the terms for two (2) registered~~  
 12 ~~nurses, one (1) licensed practical nurse, and the one (1) member engaged in~~  
 13 ~~practical nurse education who is a registered nurse shall expire; and~~  
 14 ~~(d) Before January 1, 2024, in the fourth year of the four (4) year cycle, the terms~~  
 15 ~~for two (2) registered nurses, one (1) licensed practical nurse, and one (1)~~  
 16 ~~citizen at large shall expire. Beginning on January 1, 2024, in the fourth year~~  
 17 ~~of the four (4) year cycle, the terms for two (2) registered nurses, one (1)~~  
 18 ~~certified registered nurse anesthetist, one (1) licensed practical nurse, and one~~  
 19 ~~(1) citizen at large shall expire.]~~

- 20 (3) (a) *By August 1, 2024, the Kentucky Nurses Association shall submit to the*  
 21 *Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for appointment as a*  
 22 *registered nurse (R.N.) who are actively engaged in clinical nursing*  
 23 *practice, from which the Governor shall make an appointment as necessary*  
 24 *by October 1, 2024. Thereafter,* by March 1 *of the year in which the term of*  
 25 *an R.N. actively engaged in clinical practice expires,* the Kentucky Nurses  
 26 Association shall submit to the Governor *two (2) names of qualified*  
 27 *individuals*~~[a list of members qualified]~~ for appointment as ***an*** R.N. ***who are***

- 1 actively engaged in clinical nursing practice~~[members, in number not less~~  
 2 ~~than twice the number of appointments to be made],~~ from which ~~[list]~~ the  
 3 Governor shall make an~~[each]~~ appointment as~~[or appointments]~~ necessary by  
 4 July 1~~[. By March 1 of the year in which the certified registered nurse~~  
 5 ~~anesthetist term expires, the Kentucky Nurses Association shall submit to the~~  
 6 ~~Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for the appointment, and~~  
 7 ~~from this list the Governor shall make the appointment by July 1].~~
- 8 (b) By March 1~~[,]~~ of the year in which the term of an L.P.N. expires, the  
 9 Kentucky Licensed Practical Nurses Organization Incorporated shall submit  
 10 to the Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals~~[a list of names~~  
 11 ~~qualified]~~ for appointment as an L.P.N. who are actively engaged in clinical  
 12 nursing practice~~[members, in number not less than twice the number of~~  
 13 ~~appointments to be made],~~ from which ~~[list]~~ the Governor shall make  
 14 an~~[each]~~ appointment ~~[or appointments]~~ as necessary by July 1.
- 15 (c) By March 1 of the year in which the nurse service administrator's term  
 16 expires~~[shall expire],~~ the Kentucky Organization of Nurse Leaders, an  
 17 affiliate of the Kentucky Hospital Association, shall submit to the Governor  
 18 two (2) names of qualified individuals for appointment as the nurse service  
 19 administrator, from which list the Governor shall make an appointment as  
 20 necessary by July 1.
- 21 (d) By March 1 of the year in which the term of the R.N. recommended by  
 22 LeadingAge Kentucky expires, LeadingAge Kentucky shall submit to the  
 23 Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for  
 24 appointment~~[appointments]~~ as an R.N. experienced in long-term care~~[its~~  
 25 ~~R.N. representative to the board],~~ from which the Governor shall make an  
 26 appointment as necessary by July 1.
- 27 (e) By March 1 of the year in which the term of the R.N. recommended by

1 Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities ~~expires~~~~representative's term~~  
2 ~~shall expire~~, the Kentucky Association of Health Care Facilities shall submit  
3 to the Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for appointment as *an*  
4 *R.N. experienced in long-term care*~~[its R.N. representative to the board]~~,  
5 from which ~~[list]~~the Governor shall make an appointment as necessary by  
6 July 1.

7 (f) By March 1 of the year in which the practical nurse educator's term expires,  
8 *the Kentucky League for Nursing*~~[Kentucky Licensed Practical Nurses~~  
9 ~~Organization Incorporated]~~ shall submit to the Governor two (2) names of  
10 qualified individuals for the appointment *as a licensed practical nurse*  
11 *educator*, from which ~~[list]~~the Governor shall make the appointment *as*  
12 *necessary* by July 1.

13 (g) *By August 1, 2024, the Kentucky League for Nursing shall submit to the*  
14 *Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals for appointment as a*  
15 *graduate degree nurse educator, from which the Governor shall make an*  
16 *appointment as necessary by October 1, 2024. Thereafter, by March 1 of the*  
17 *year in which the term of the graduate degree nurse educator expires, the*  
18 *Kentucky League for Nursing shall submit to the Governor two (2) names*  
19 *of qualified individuals for the appointment as a graduate degree nurse*  
20 *educator, from which the Governor shall make an appointment as necessary*  
21 *by July 1.*

22 (h) *By March 1, 2025, and thereafter on March 1 of the year in which the term*  
23 *of the undergraduate nurse educator expires, the Kentucky Nurses*  
24 *Association shall submit to the Governor two (2) names of qualified*  
25 *individuals for the appointment as an undergraduate nurse educator, from*  
26 *which the Governor shall make the appointment as necessary by July 1.*

27 (i) *By March 1, 2026, and thereafter on March 1 of the year in which the term*

1 of the undergraduate nurse educator expires, the Kentucky League for  
2 Nursing shall submit to the Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals  
3 for appointment as an undergraduate nurse educator, from which the  
4 Governor shall make the appointment as necessary by July 1.

5 (j) By March 1 of the year in which the certified registered nurse anesthetist  
6 term expires, the Kentucky Association of Nurse Anesthetists shall submit to  
7 the Governor two (2) names of qualified individuals who are actively  
8 engaged in clinical nursing practice for the appointment, from which the  
9 Governor shall make the appointment as necessary by July 1.

10 (k) By August 1, 2024, the Kentucky Association of Nurse Practitioners and  
11 Nurse-Midwives shall submit to the Governor the names of qualified  
12 individuals for appointments of two (2) advanced practice registered nurses.  
13 The appointed individuals shall be certified in different population foci and  
14 shall be actively engaged in advanced nursing clinical practice. Two (2)  
15 names of qualified individuals shall be submitted to the Governor for each  
16 position. The Governor shall appoint one (1) advanced practice registered  
17 nurse from the two (2) names submitted in one (1) population focus for an  
18 initial term of four (4) years and shall also appoint one (1) advanced  
19 practice registered nurse from the two (2) names submitted in another  
20 population focus for an initial term of two (2) years. The Governor shall  
21 make each appointment as necessary by October 1, 2024. Successive terms  
22 for each advanced registered nurse practitioner shall be four (4) years. The  
23 two (2) advanced practice registered nurses shall be certified in a different  
24 population focus. Thereafter, on March 1 of the year in which the term of  
25 an advanced practice registered nurse expires, the Kentucky Association of  
26 Nurse Practitioners and Nurse-Midwives shall submit to the Governor the  
27 names of two (2) qualified individuals, from which the Governor shall make

1                   **the appointment as necessary by July 1.**

- 2           (L) The Governor shall appoint two (2) members who shall be citizens at large,  
3           who are not associated with or financially interested in the practice or  
4           business regulated. The Governor shall make the appointments by July 1 of  
5           the year in which the citizen members' terms expire.
- 6           (4) Among the seventeen (17) members of the board, at all times, at least two (2)  
7           members shall be appointed from each of the six (6) congressional districts of the  
8           Commonwealth.
- 9           (5) Among the nurse board members appointed under subsection (1)~~[(a), (b), (c), and~~  
10          ~~(d)]~~ of this section, no less than three (3) and no more than six (6) nurse board  
11          members shall be nurse educators. All other nurse members of the board shall be  
12          practicing nurses.
- 13          (6) A vacancy on the board shall be filled by the Governor as provided for under  
14          subsection (1) of this section.
- 15          (7) The Governor may remove any member from the board for neglect of duty,  
16          incompetence, or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct.
- 17          (8) Each R.N. member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States, a resident of  
18          Kentucky, a graduate of an approved school of nursing, and a registered nurse in  
19          this state. All shall have had at least five (5) years of experience in nursing, three  
20          (3) of which shall immediately precede such appointment. **Three (3)**~~Five (5)]~~  
21          members shall be engaged in **clinical** nursing practice; **four (4)**~~three (3)]~~ shall be  
22          engaged in nursing education; **three (3)**~~one (1)]~~ shall be engaged in advanced  
23          practice registered nursing, **one (1) of whom shall be a certified registered nurse**  
24          **anesthetist; two (2) shall be experienced in long-term care**~~one (1) shall be a~~  
25          ~~certified registered nurse anesthetist];~~ and one (1) shall be in nursing administration.
- 26          (9) Each L.P.N. member of the board shall be a citizen of the United States, a resident  
27          of Kentucky, a graduate of an approved school of practical nursing or its equivalent,

1 licensed as a licensed practical nurse in this state, have at least five (5) years of  
2 experience in nursing, three (3) of which shall immediately precede this  
3 appointment, and be currently engaged in nursing practice. **Two (2) members shall**  
4 **be engaged in clinical nurse practice.**

5 ➔Section 3. KRS 314.131 is amended to read as follows:

6 (1) The board shall meet at least annually and shall elect from its members a president  
7 and any other officers that it deems necessary. Nine members of the board including  
8 one (1) officer shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. The board is authorized to  
9 promulgate administrative regulations not inconsistent with the law and subject to  
10 the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A, as may be necessary to enable it to carry into  
11 effect the provisions of this chapter. The board may require, by administrative  
12 regulation, that licensees and applicants utilize a specific method of submission of  
13 documents or information that is required to be provided to the board under this  
14 chapter and the administrative regulations of the board, including electronic  
15 submission.

16 (2) The board shall approve programs of nursing and shall monitor compliance with  
17 standards for nurse competency under this chapter. It shall examine, license, and  
18 renew the license of duly-qualified applicants; determine notice of place and time of  
19 licensure examinations; approve providers of continuing education; administer  
20 continuing education requirements; issue advisory opinions or declaratory rulings  
21 dealing with the practice of nursing; register and designate those persons qualified  
22 to engage in advanced nursing practice; and it shall conduct administrative hearings  
23 in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B upon charges calling for discipline of a  
24 licensee and cause the prosecution of all persons violating any provisions of this  
25 chapter. It shall keep a record of all its proceedings and make an annual report to  
26 the Governor.

27 (3) The board shall develop specific guidelines to follow upon receipt of an allegation

1 of sexual misconduct by a nurse licensed by the board. The guidelines shall include  
2 investigation, inquiry, and hearing procedures which ensure that the process does  
3 not revictimize the alleged victim or cause harm if a nurse is falsely accused.

4 (4) The board and investigators hired by the board shall receive training on the  
5 dynamics of sexual misconduct of professionals, including the nature of this abuse  
6 of authority, characteristics of the offender, the impact on the victim, the possibility  
7 and the impact of false accusations, investigative procedure in sex offense cases,  
8 and effective intervention with victims and offenders.

9 (5) The board shall employ a qualified person to serve as executive director to the  
10 board, and shall fix the compensation and define the duties of the executive  
11 director. It may employ other persons as may be necessary to carry on the work of  
12 the board.

13 (6) The executive director shall have at least the qualifications for board members, and  
14 a master's degree in nursing or equivalent and shall have had at least two (2) years  
15 of experience in nursing administration immediately preceding the time of  
16 appointment.

17 **(7) With the approval of the board, the executive director may hire additional officers**  
18 **and other personnel necessary for the proper functioning of the board, fix their**  
19 **salaries, and prescribe their duties. Any person employed under this section shall**  
20 **not be subject to the provisions of KRS Chapter 18A.**

21 ~~(8)(7)~~ Each member of the board shall receive, in addition to traveling, hotel, and  
22 other necessary expenses, one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) for each day the member  
23 is actually engaged in the discharge of official duties.

24 ~~(9)(8)~~ The board may, in its discretion, purchase liability insurance for board and  
25 staff members against acts performed in good faith discharge of duties.

26 ~~(10)(9)~~ The board may, by administrative regulation issued pursuant to the provisions  
27 of KRS Chapter 13A, determine which disciplinary action records may be

1 expunged. Any records which are expunged shall be exempt from disclosure under  
2 the Kentucky Open Records Law, KRS 61.870 to 61.884. The board shall not report  
3 its disciplinary actions for any purpose other than statistical.

4 ~~(11)~~~~(10)~~ The board may reimburse any person appointed by direction of the board to  
5 any committee, subcommittee, or task force created by the board for his or her  
6 travel and subsistence expenses as established through the promulgation of  
7 administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A.

8 ➔Section 4. KRS 314.073 is amended to read as follows:

9 (1) As a prerequisite for license renewal, all individuals licensed under provisions of  
10 this chapter shall be required to document continuing competency during the  
11 immediate past licensure period as prescribed in regulations promulgated by the  
12 board.

13 (2) The continuing competency requirement shall be documented and reported as set  
14 forth by the board in administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with  
15 KRS Chapter 13A.

16 (3) The board shall approve providers of continuing education. The approval may  
17 include recognition of providers approved by national organizations and state  
18 boards of nursing with comparable standards. Standards for these approvals shall be  
19 set by the board in administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with the  
20 provisions of KRS Chapter 13A.

21 (4) The board shall work cooperatively with professional nursing organizations,  
22 approved nursing schools, and other potential sources of continuing education  
23 programs to ensure that adequate continuing education offerings are available  
24 statewide. The board may enter into contractual agreements to implement the  
25 provisions of this section.

26 (5) The board shall be responsible for notifying applicants for licensure and licensees  
27 applying for license renewal, of continuing competency requirements.



- 1 (6) As a part of the continuing education requirements that the board adopts to ensure  
2 continuing competency of present and future licensees, the board shall ensure  
3 practitioners licensed under KRS Chapter 314 complete a one-time training course  
4 of at least one and one-half (1.5) hours covering the recognition and prevention of  
5 pediatric abusive head trauma, as defined in KRS 620.020. The one and one-half  
6 (1.5) hours required under this section shall be included in the current number of  
7 required continuing education hours.
- 8 (7) As a part of the continuing education requirements that the board adopts to  
9 ensure continuing competency of present and future licensees and the evolving  
10 needs of the growing senior population, the board shall ensure practitioners  
11 licensed under KRS Chapter 314 complete a one (1) time course of one (1) hour  
12 of continuing education approved by the board. The course shall be completed  
13 one (1) time and count towards the current number of required continuing  
14 education hours, except that graduating student practitioners may submit  
15 Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia course curriculum taught in their  
16 programs of study towards the required one (1) hour for approval. The course  
17 topics shall include but not be limited to:
- 18 (a) The warning signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of  
19 dementia;
- 20 (b) The importance of early detection, diagnosis, and appropriate  
21 communication techniques for discussion of memory concerns with the  
22 patient and his or her caregiver;
- 23 (c) Cognitive assessment and care planning billing codes;
- 24 (d) The variety of tools used to assess a patient's cognition; and
- 25 (e) Current treatments that may be available to the patient.
- 26 (8) In order to offset administrative costs incurred in the implementation of the  
27 mandatory continuing competency requirements, the board may charge reasonable

1 fees as established by regulation in accordance with the provisions of KRS Chapter  
2 13A.

3 ~~(9)~~(8) The continuing competency requirements shall include at least five (5) contact  
4 hours in pharmacology continuing education for any person licensed as an  
5 advanced practice registered nurse.

6 ➔Section 5. The following KRS section is repealed:

7 314.193 Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Council -- Members -- Meetings -- Duties  
8 -- Terms.