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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), entitled "An
2 act relating to the practice of professional nursing;
3 providing for the licensing of nurses and for the revocation
4 and suspension of such licenses, subject to appeal, and for
5 their reinstatement; providing for the renewal of such
6 licenses; regulating nursing in general; prescribing
7 penalties and repealing certain laws," further providing for <--
8 title, for definitions, for State Board of Nursing, for
9 dietitian nutritionist license required, for unauthorized
10 practices and acts not prohibited, for temporary practice
11 permit, for graduates of schools of other states, territories
12 or Dominion of Canada, for persons entitled to practice, for
13 certified registered nurse practitioners and qualifications,
14 for scope of practice for certified registered nurse
15 practitioners, for prescriptive authority for certified
16 registered nurse practitioners, for Drug Review Committee,
17 for professional liability, for reporting of multiple
18 licensure, for continuing nursing education, for punishment
19 for violations, for refusal, suspension or revocation of
20 licenses, for reinstatement of license and for injunction or
21 other process; and providing for the expiration of the State
22 Board of Nursing's power to license certified registered
23 nurse practitioners. PROVIDING FOR CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE <--
24 PRACTITIONER PILOT PROGRAM.

25 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

1 hereby enacts as follows:

2 ~~Section 1. The title of the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, <--~~
3 ~~No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, is amended to~~
4 ~~read:~~

5 ~~AN ACT~~

6 ~~Relating to the practice of professional nursing and the~~
7 ~~practice of advanced practice registered nursing; providing~~
8 ~~for the licensing of nurses and for the revocation and~~
9 ~~suspension of such licenses, subject to appeal, and for their~~
10 ~~reinstatement; providing for the renewal of such licenses;~~
11 ~~regulating nursing in general; prescribing penalties and~~
12 ~~repealing certain laws.~~

13 ~~Section 2. Section 2 (1), (10), (12), (13) and (14) of the~~
14 ~~act are amended and the section is amended by adding paragraphs~~
15 ~~to read:~~

16 ~~Section 2. Definitions. When used in this act, the~~
17 ~~following words and phrases shall have the following meanings~~
18 ~~unless the context provides otherwise:~~

19 ~~(1) The "Practice of Professional Nursing" means diagnosing~~
20 ~~and treating human responses to actual or potential health~~
21 ~~problems through such services as casefinding, health teaching,~~
22 ~~health counseling, and provision of care supportive to or~~
23 ~~restorative of life and well being, and executing medical~~
24 ~~regimens as prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist. The~~
25 ~~foregoing shall not be deemed to include acts of medical~~
26 ~~diagnosis or prescription of medical therapeutic or corrective~~
27 ~~measures, except as performed by [a certified registered nurse~~
28 ~~practitioner] an advanced practice registered nurse certified~~
29 ~~nurse practitioner acting in accordance with rules and~~
30 ~~regulations promulgated by the Board.~~

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2 ~~(10) "Medical nutrition therapy" means the component of~~
3 ~~nutrition therapy that concerns determining and recommending~~
4 ~~nutrient needs based on nutritional assessment and medical~~
5 ~~problems relative to diets prescribed by a licensed physician or~~
6 ~~an advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
7 ~~practitioner, including:~~

8 ~~(i) tube feedings;~~

9 ~~(ii) specialized intravenous solutions;~~

10 ~~(iii) specialized oral solutions; and~~

11 ~~(iv) interactions of prescription drugs with food or~~
12 ~~nutrients.~~

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14 ~~{(12) "Certified registered nurse practitioner" means a~~
15 ~~registered nurse licensed in this Commonwealth who is certified~~
16 ~~by the board in a particular clinical specialty area.}~~

17 ~~(13) "Collaboration" means a process in which [a certified~~
18 ~~registered nurse practitioner] an advanced practice registered~~
19 ~~nurse certified nurse practitioner works with one or more~~
20 ~~physicians to deliver health care services within the scope of~~
21 ~~the [certified registered nurse practitioner's] advanced~~
22 ~~practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner's~~
23 ~~expertise. The process includes all of the following:~~

24 ~~(i) Immediate availability of a licensed physician to [a~~
25 ~~certified registered nurse practitioner] an advanced practice~~
26 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner through direct~~
27 ~~communications or by radio, telephone or telecommunications.~~

28 ~~(ii) A predetermined plan for emergency services.~~

29 ~~(iii) A physician available to [a certified registered nurse~~
30 ~~practitioner] an advanced practice registered nurse certified~~

1 ~~nurse practitioner on a regularly scheduled basis for referrals,~~
2 ~~review of the standards of medical practice incorporating~~
3 ~~consultation and chart review, drug and other medical protocols~~
4 ~~within the practice setting, periodic updating in medical~~
5 ~~diagnosis and therapeutics and cosigning records when necessary~~
6 ~~to document accountability by both parties.~~

7 ~~{(14) "Drug Review Committee" means the committee~~
8 ~~established in section 8.4 whose function is to approve or~~
9 ~~disapprove, by addition or deletion, the categories of drugs~~
10 ~~that may be prescribed by certified registered nurse~~
11 ~~practitioners.}~~

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13 ~~(16) "Advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
14 ~~practitioner" means a registered nurse licensed in this~~
15 ~~Commonwealth to practice independently in a population focus~~
16 ~~area in which the registered nurse is certified by a board~~
17 ~~recognized national certification program.~~

18 ~~(17) "Population focus area" means a category of patients~~
19 ~~for which an advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
20 ~~practitioner has the educational preparation to provide care and~~
21 ~~services. The categories of population focus include:~~

22 ~~(i) Family and individuals across the lifespan.~~

23 ~~(ii) Adult gerontology.~~

24 ~~(iii) Neonatal.~~

25 ~~(iv) Pediatrics.~~

26 ~~(v) Women's health and gender related health.~~

27 ~~(vi) Psychiatric and mental health.~~

28 ~~(vii) Any other similar area designated by the board.~~

29 ~~(18) "Controlled substance" means a drug designated as a~~
30 ~~controlled substance under the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L.233,~~

1 ~~No.64), known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and~~
2 ~~Cosmetic Act."~~

3 ~~(19) "Nonproprietary drug" means a drug containing a~~
4 ~~quantity of a controlled substance or a drug which is required~~
5 ~~by an applicable Federal or State law to be dispensed only by~~
6 ~~prescription.~~

7 ~~(20) "Proprietary drug" means a nonprescription, non~~
8 ~~narcotic medicine or drug which may be sold without a~~
9 ~~prescription and which is prepackaged for use by the consumer~~
10 ~~and labeled in accordance with the requirements of the statutes~~
11 ~~and regulations of the Federal Government and the Commonwealth.~~

12 ~~(21) "Licensed independent practitioner" means an advanced~~
13 ~~practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner licensed~~
14 ~~under section 8.1(j) or (l) to provide care and services,~~
15 ~~without direction or supervision, within the scope of the~~
16 ~~practitioner's license.~~

17 ~~(22) "Practice of Advanced Practice Registered Nursing"~~
18 ~~means the practice of an advanced practice registered nurse~~
19 ~~certified nurse practitioner to assess, diagnose, treat,~~
20 ~~prescribe and order, within a population focus area approved by~~
21 ~~the board of nursing that includes the advanced practice~~
22 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner's scope of~~
23 ~~practice. The term shall include, but not be limited to,~~
24 ~~performing acts of medical diagnosis or prescription of medical~~
25 ~~therapeutic or corrective measures.~~

26 ~~Section 3. Sections 2.1(k) and (l), 3.1(b), 4, 4.1, 7(b), 8,~~
27 ~~8.1, 8.2, 8.3, 8.4, 8.7, 11.1, 12.1(g) (1), 13(b), 14(a) (1), (2)~~
28 ~~and (4) and (b) (6), 15.2 and 15.4 of the act are amended to~~
29 ~~read:~~

30 ~~Section 2.1. State Board of Nursing. * * *~~

1 ~~(k) The Board shall have the right and duty to establish~~
2 ~~rules and regulations for the practice of professional nursing,~~
3 ~~the practice of advanced practice registered nursing, the~~
4 ~~practice of dietetics nutrition and the administration of this~~
5 ~~act. Copies of such rules and regulations shall be available for~~
6 ~~distribution to the public.~~

7 ~~(l) Any powers and duties imposed on the State Board of~~
8 ~~Medicine or jointly imposed on the State Board of Medicine and~~
9 ~~the State Board of Nursing, with respect to [certified~~
10 ~~registered nurse practitioners] advanced practice registered~~
11 ~~nurse certified nurse practitioners, by or pursuant to law or~~
12 ~~regulation shall, after the effective date of this subsection,~~
13 ~~be exercised solely by the State Board of Nursing. This~~
14 ~~subsection shall not apply to 49 Pa. Code §§ 21.283(4) (relating~~
15 ~~to prescribing and dispensing drugs) and 21.321 (relating to~~
16 ~~performance of tasks without direction; performance of tasks~~
17 ~~without training; other) unless the State Board of Nursing~~
18 ~~promulgates a regulation to exercise the duties imposed on the~~
19 ~~State Board of Medicine by those sections.~~

20 ~~Section 3.1. Dietitian Nutritionist License Required. * * *~~

21 ~~(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require or~~
22 ~~preclude third party insurance reimbursement. Nothing herein~~
23 ~~shall preclude an insurer or other third party payor from~~
24 ~~requiring that a licensed dietitian nutritionist obtain a~~
25 ~~referral from a licensed physician, an advanced practice~~
26 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner, a dentist or~~
27 ~~podiatrist or that a licensed dietitian nutritionist file an~~
28 ~~evaluation and treatment plan with the insurer or third party~~
29 ~~payor as a precondition of reimbursement.~~

30 ~~Section 4. Unauthorized Practices; Acts not Prohibited.~~

1 ~~This act confers no authority to practice dentistry, podiatry,~~
2 ~~optometry, chiropractic, medicine or surgery, nor does it~~
3 ~~prohibit—~~

4 ~~(1) Home care of the sick by friends, domestic servants,~~
5 ~~nursemaids, companions, or household aides of any type, so long~~
6 ~~as such persons do not represent or hold themselves out to be~~
7 ~~licensed nurses, licensed registered nurses, or registered~~
8 ~~nurses; or use in connection with their names, any designation~~
9 ~~tending to imply that they are licensed to practice under the~~
10 ~~provisions of this act nor services rendered by any physicians,~~
11 ~~osteopaths, dentists or chiropractors, podiatrists,~~
12 ~~optometrists, or any person licensed pursuant to the act of~~
13 ~~March 2, 1956 (P.L.1211, No.376), known as the "Practical Nurse~~
14 ~~Law."~~

15 ~~(2) Care of the sick, with or without compensation or~~
16 ~~personal profit, when done solely in connection with the~~
17 ~~practice of the religious tenets of any church by adherents~~
18 ~~thereof.~~

19 ~~(3) The practice of professional nursing or the practice of~~
20 ~~advanced practice registered nursing by a person temporarily in~~
21 ~~this Commonwealth licensed by another state, territory or~~
22 ~~possession of the United States or a foreign country, in~~
23 ~~compliance with an engagement made outside of this Commonwealth,~~
24 ~~which engagement requires that such person accompany and care~~
25 ~~for a patient while temporarily in this Commonwealth: Provided,~~
26 ~~however, That said engagement shall not be of more than six (6)~~
27 ~~months' duration.~~

28 ~~(4) The practice of professional nursing or the practice of~~
29 ~~advanced practice registered nursing, pursuant to a temporary~~
30 ~~practice permit, by a graduate of an approved program of~~

1 ~~professional nursing in Pennsylvania or any other state, working~~
2 ~~under qualified supervision, during the period not to exceed one~~
3 ~~(1) year between completion of his or her program and~~
4 ~~notification of the results of a licensing examination taken by~~
5 ~~such person, and during such additional period as the Board may~~
6 ~~in each case especially permit.~~

7 ~~(5) The practice of professional nursing or the practice of~~
8 ~~advanced practice registered nursing, pursuant to a temporary~~
9 ~~practice permit, by a person who holds a current license or~~
10 ~~other evidence of the right to practice professional nursing[,]~~
11 ~~as that term is defined in this act,] or to practice of advanced~~
12 ~~practice registered nursing issued by any other state, territory~~
13 ~~or possession of the United States or the Dominion of Canada,~~
14 ~~during the period that an application filed by such person for~~
15 ~~licensure in Pennsylvania is pending before the Board, but not~~
16 ~~for a period of more than one (1) year and during such~~
17 ~~additional period as the Board may in each case especially~~
18 ~~permit.~~

19 ~~(6) The practice of professional nursing[, within the~~
20 ~~definition of this act] or the practice of advanced practice~~
21 ~~registered nursing, by any person when such person is engaged in~~
22 ~~the practice [of nursing] as an employee of the United States.~~

23 ~~Section 4.1. Temporary Practice Permit. (a) In order for a~~
24 ~~person to practice professional nursing or to practice advanced~~
25 ~~practice registered nursing during the one (1) year period from~~
26 ~~completion of his or her education program or the one (1) year~~
27 ~~period from the application for licensure by a person who holds~~
28 ~~a current license issued by any other state, territory or~~
29 ~~possession of the United States or the Dominion of Canada, the~~
30 ~~Board may issue a temporary practice permit which is~~

1 ~~nonrenewable and valid for a period of one (1) year and during~~
2 ~~such additional period as the Board may in each case especially~~
3 ~~permit, except that the temporary practice permit shall expire~~
4 ~~if such person fails the licensing examination.~~

5 ~~(b) Within ninety (90) days of the date a temporary practice~~
6 ~~permit to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse~~
7 ~~certified nurse practitioner is issued by the Board to an~~
8 ~~individual who was licensed or certified by another state,~~
9 ~~territory or possession of the United States or a foreign~~
10 ~~country, the individual shall comply with the requirements under~~
11 ~~sections 8.2 and 8.3 with regard to acting in collaboration with~~
12 ~~a physician and in accordance with a collaborative or written~~
13 ~~agreement with a physician, unless the individual qualifies for~~
14 ~~the exception from the collaboration requirement according to~~
15 ~~the Board under section 8.1(1).~~

16 Section 7. Graduates of Schools of Other States, Territories
17 or Dominion of Canada. * * *

18 ~~(b) The Board may issue a [certification to registered nurse~~
19 ~~practitioners who have] license as an advanced practice~~
20 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner to a registered~~
21 ~~nurse who has completed a course of study considered by the~~
22 ~~Board to be equivalent to that required in this State at the~~
23 ~~time such course was completed or who is licensed or certified~~
24 ~~by another state, territory or possession of the United States~~
25 ~~or a foreign country as deemed equivalent to Pennsylvania's~~
26 ~~[certification] licensure requirements in accordance with the~~
27 ~~[joint] rules and regulations of the [Boards of Nursing and~~
28 ~~Medicine] Board.~~

29 * * *

30 Section 8. Persons Entitled to Practice. (a) The Board

1 ~~shall issue to each person who meets the professional nursing~~
2 ~~licensure requirements of this act, a certificate setting forth~~
3 ~~that such person is licensed to engage in the practice of~~
4 ~~professional nursing and entitled to use the title "registered~~
5 ~~nurse" and the letters "R.N."~~

6 ~~(b) The Board shall issue to each person who meets the~~
7 ~~dietitian nutritionist licensure requirements of this act a~~
8 ~~certificate setting forth that such person is licensed as a~~
9 ~~dietitian nutritionist and entitled to use the title "licensed~~
10 ~~dietitian nutritionist" and the letters "L.D.N." A record of~~
11 ~~[all persons] each person licensed as [dietitian nutritionists]~~
12 ~~a dietitian nutritionist in this Commonwealth shall be kept in~~
13 ~~the office of the Board and shall be open to public inspection~~
14 ~~and copying upon payment of a nominal fee for copying the~~
15 ~~record.~~

16 ~~(c) The Board shall issue to each person who meets the~~
17 ~~advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner~~
18 ~~licensure requirements of this act a certificate setting forth~~
19 ~~that such person is licensed as an advanced practice registered~~
20 ~~nurse certified nurse practitioner and entitled to use the title~~
21 ~~"advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
22 ~~practitioner" and the letters "APRN CNP." A record of each~~
23 ~~person licensed as an advanced practice registered nurse~~
24 ~~certified nurse practitioner in this Commonwealth shall be kept~~
25 ~~in the office of the Board and shall be open to public~~
26 ~~inspection and copying upon payment of a nominal fee for copying~~
27 ~~the record.~~

28 ~~Section 8.1. [Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners;~~
29 ~~Qualifications. (a) The board may certify a licensed~~
30 ~~registered nurse as a certified registered nurse practitioner in~~

1 ~~a particular clinical specialty area if the nurse satisfies the~~
2 ~~requirements established by this act and regulations promulgated~~
3 ~~by the board. Certification of a nurse by the board shall expire~~
4 ~~on the same date as the license of that nurse expires.~~

5 ~~(b) (1) Beginning on the effective date of this section, a~~
6 ~~nurse shall not qualify for initial certification by the board~~
7 ~~under subsection (a) unless the nurse:~~

8 ~~(i) is a graduate of an accredited, board approved master's~~
9 ~~or post master's nurse practitioner program; and~~

10 ~~(ii) holds certification as a certified registered nurse~~
11 ~~practitioner from a board recognized national certification~~
12 ~~organization which required passing of a national certifying~~
13 ~~examination in the particular clinical specialty area in which~~
14 ~~the nurse is seeking certification by the board.~~

15 ~~(2) This subsection shall not apply to a nurse who:~~

16 ~~(i) holds certification from the board as a certified~~
17 ~~registered nurse practitioner on the effective date of this~~
18 ~~subsection; or~~

19 ~~(ii) would otherwise qualify for certification as a~~
20 ~~certified registered nurse practitioner under section 7(b).~~

21 ~~(3) In order to provide a transition period for persons who~~
22 ~~completed or were enrolled in an approved educational program on~~
23 ~~the effective date of this section and to permit those persons~~
24 ~~to apply for certification under the rules in existence~~
25 ~~immediately prior to the effective date of this section, the~~
26 ~~board shall issue initial certification to any person who,~~
27 ~~within two (2) years of the effective date of this section:~~

28 ~~(i) submits evidence of having completed or been enrolled in~~
29 ~~an approved educational program on the effective date of this~~
30 ~~section; and~~

1 ~~(ii) fulfills all administrative requirements of the board~~
2 ~~and possesses all of the other qualifications for certification~~
3 ~~in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this~~
4 ~~section.~~

5 ~~(c) As a condition for biennial renewal of certification by~~
6 ~~the board, a certified registered nurse practitioner must, in~~
7 ~~the two (2) years prior to renewal, complete at least thirty~~
8 ~~(30) hours of continuing education approved by the board. In the~~
9 ~~case of a certified registered nurse practitioner who is~~
10 ~~prescribing medical therapeutic or corrective measures pursuant~~
11 ~~to section 8.3, that continuing education must include at least~~
12 ~~sixteen (16) hours in pharmacology in that two year period.]~~

13 ~~Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Certified Nurse~~

14 ~~Practitioner. (d) A registered nurse who holds current~~
15 ~~certification by the board on the effective date of this~~
16 ~~subsection as a certified registered nurse practitioner in a~~
17 ~~population focus area on the effective date of this subsection~~
18 ~~shall automatically be deemed to be licensed by the board as an~~
19 ~~advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner~~
20 ~~in the population focus area for which the registered nurse is~~
21 ~~otherwise qualified. The board shall issue appropriate written~~
22 ~~notice of the license as an advanced practice registered nurse~~
23 ~~certified nurse practitioner, except that the issuance of that~~
24 ~~notice shall not be a condition precedent to practice in~~
25 ~~accordance with the license.~~

26 ~~(e) Except as provided in subsection (d), an individual~~
27 ~~shall not qualify for an initial license as an advanced practice~~
28 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner on or after the~~
29 ~~effective date of this subsection unless the person meets the~~
30 ~~following criteria:~~

1 ~~(1) Holds a current license in this Commonwealth as a~~
2 ~~registered nurse.~~

3 ~~(2) Is a graduate of an accredited, board approved master's~~
4 ~~or post master's nurse practitioner or doctorate in nursing~~
5 ~~program.~~

6 ~~(3) Holds current certification as an advanced practice~~
7 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner from a board~~
8 ~~recognized national certification program which required passing~~
9 ~~a national certifying examination in a population focus area or~~
10 ~~population focus area in which the nurse is seeking licensure by~~
11 ~~the board.~~

12 ~~(f) (1) An initial license under subsection (d) as an~~
13 ~~advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner~~
14 ~~shall expire on the same date as the nurse's then current~~
15 ~~license as a registered nurse is scheduled to expire. The~~
16 ~~license as an advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
17 ~~practitioner shall thereafter be renewed biennially on the same~~
18 ~~date as the nurse's license as a registered nurse.~~

19 ~~(2) An initial license under subsection (d) or section 7(b)~~
20 ~~as an advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
21 ~~practitioner shall expire on the same date as the nurse's then~~
22 ~~current license as a registered nurse is scheduled to expire.~~
23 ~~The license as an advanced practice registered nurse certified~~
24 ~~nurse practitioner shall thereafter be renewed biennially on the~~
25 ~~same date as the nurse's license as a registered nurse.~~

26 ~~(3) As a condition for biennial renewal by the board of a~~
27 ~~license as an advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
28 ~~practitioner, the nurse must do all of the following:~~

29 ~~(i) Maintain a current license in this Commonwealth as a~~
30 ~~registered nurse.~~

1 ~~(ii) Maintain current certification through a board-~~
2 ~~recognized national certification program in the population-~~
3 ~~focus area in which the nurse is licensed as an advanced-~~
4 ~~practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner by the-~~
5 ~~board.~~

6 ~~(iii) In the two (2) years prior to renewal, complete at-~~
7 ~~least thirty (30) hours of continuing education approved by the-~~
8 ~~board. For an advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse-~~
9 ~~practitioner who is prescribing medical therapeutic or-~~
10 ~~corrective measures under section 8.3, the continuing education-~~
11 ~~must include at least sixteen (16) hours in pharmacology in the-~~
12 ~~two year period.~~

13 ~~(g) The board shall establish a procedure by which a license-~~
14 ~~as an advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse-~~
15 ~~practitioner may be amended prior to the biennial renewal date-~~
16 ~~in order to authorize a nurse to practice in a population focus-~~
17 ~~area in which the nurse was not certified on the effective date-~~
18 ~~of this subsection or on the date on which the nurse's current-~~
19 ~~license as an advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse-~~
20 ~~practitioner was issued or renewed. The board shall authorize an-~~
21 ~~advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner-~~
22 ~~to practice in an additional population focus area only if the-~~
23 ~~nurse holds current certification from a board recognized-~~
24 ~~national certification program which requires the passing of a-~~
25 ~~national certifying examination in the additional population-~~
26 ~~focus area.~~

27 ~~(h) (1) The use of the terms "certified registered nurse-~~
28 ~~practitioner," "registered nurse practitioner," "certified nurse-~~
29 ~~practitioner" and "nurse practitioner" in any other act shall be-~~
30 ~~deemed to include a person licensed as a certified nurse-~~

1 ~~practitioner under this section or section 7(b).~~

2 ~~(2) A registered nurse who is licensed by the board as an~~
3 ~~advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner~~
4 ~~in a population focus area is entitled to use the title~~
5 ~~"advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
6 ~~practitioner" and the letters "APRN CNP." It shall be unlawful~~
7 ~~for any other person to use the title "advanced practice~~
8 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner" or the letters~~
9 ~~"APRN CNP."~~

10 ~~(i) (1) An advanced practice registered nurse certified~~
11 ~~nurse practitioner may form a professional corporation with one~~
12 ~~or more of the following:~~

13 ~~(i) Other registered nurses.~~

14 ~~(ii) Other health care practitioners who treat human~~
15 ~~ailments and conditions and are licensed to provide health care~~
16 ~~services in this Commonwealth without receiving a referral or~~
17 ~~supervision from another health care practitioner.~~

18 ~~(2) This subsection shall be construed to abrogate the~~
19 ~~requirement that the State Board of Medicine and the State Board~~
20 ~~of Osteopathic Medicine expressly authorize the combined~~
21 ~~practice of advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
22 ~~practitioners with doctors of medicine or doctors of osteopathic~~
23 ~~medicine, respectively, found in 15 Pa.C.S. § 2903(d)(1)(ii)~~
24 ~~(relating to formation of professional corporations).~~

25 ~~(j) An advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
26 ~~practitioner who has engaged in the practice of professional~~
27 ~~nursing in collaboration with a physician for a period of not~~
28 ~~less than three (3) years and not less than three thousand six~~
29 ~~hundred (3,600) hours in accordance with a collaborative or~~
30 ~~written agreement with a physician shall not be subject to the~~

1 ~~requirements under sections 8.2(b) and 8.3(a)(2)(i).~~

2 ~~(k) An advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
3 ~~practitioner who qualifies for the exception under subsection~~
4 ~~(j) shall file a form with the board attesting to having engaged~~
5 ~~in the practice of professional nursing in collaboration with a~~
6 ~~physician for a period of not less than three (3) years and not~~
7 ~~less than three thousand six hundred (3,600) hours. The form~~
8 ~~shall be developed by the board by regulation.~~

9 ~~(l) A registered nurse who was licensed or certified by~~
10 ~~another state, territory or possession of the United States or a~~
11 ~~foreign country and received a license as an advanced practice~~
12 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner issued by the~~
13 ~~board or a temporary practice permit to practice as an advanced~~
14 ~~practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner under~~
15 ~~section 4.1 may qualify for the exception under subsection (j)~~
16 ~~if the advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
17 ~~practitioner satisfactorily demonstrates to the board the~~
18 ~~completion of no less than three (3) years and no less than~~
19 ~~three thousand six hundred (3,600) hours of practice in~~
20 ~~collaboration with a physician deemed equivalent to the~~
21 ~~requirements of subsection (j) which occurred in this~~
22 ~~Commonwealth or in one or more other states, territories or~~
23 ~~possessions of the United States or foreign countries where the~~
24 ~~advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner~~
25 ~~was previously, or is currently, licensed.~~

26 ~~(m) The advanced practice registered nurse practitioner is~~
27 ~~accountable to patients, the nursing profession and the board~~
28 ~~and shall:~~

29 ~~(1) comply with the requirements of this chapter and the~~
30 ~~quality expectations of advanced nursing care rendered;~~

1 ~~(2) recognize limits of knowledge and experience;~~

2 ~~(3) plan for the management of situations beyond the~~
3 ~~advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
4 ~~practitioner's expertise; and~~

5 ~~(4) consult with or refer patients to other health care~~
6 ~~providers, as appropriate.~~

7 Section 8.2. ~~Scope of Practice for [Certified Registered~~
8 ~~Nurse Practitioners] Advanced Practice Registered Nurse~~

9 ~~Certified Nurse Practitioners.~~ (a) ~~[A certified registered~~
10 ~~nurse practitioner while functioning in the expanded role as a~~
11 ~~professional nurse]~~ ~~An advanced practice registered nurse~~
12 ~~certified nurse practitioner shall practice within the scope of~~
13 ~~practice of the [particular clinical specialty] population focus~~
14 ~~area in which the nurse is [certified] licensed by the board.~~
15 ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of law, an advanced practice~~
16 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner who meets the~~
17 ~~requirements under section 8.1(j) or (l) is entitled to all of~~
18 ~~the following:~~

19 ~~(1) To practice as a licensed independent practitioner~~
20 ~~within the scope of practice of a particular population focus~~
21 ~~area in which the nurse is licensed by the board.~~

22 ~~(2) To be recognized as a primary care provider under~~
23 ~~managed care and other health care plans.~~

24 ~~(b) [A certified registered]~~ ~~Except as provided under~~
25 ~~section 8.1(j) or (l), an advanced practice registered nurse~~
26 ~~certified nurse practitioner may perform acts of medical~~
27 ~~diagnosis in collaboration with a physician and in accordance~~
28 ~~with regulations promulgated by the board.~~

29 ~~(c) Except as provided in subsection (c.1), [a certified~~
30 ~~registered nurse] an advanced practice registered nurse~~

1 ~~certified nurse practitioner may prescribe medical therapeutic~~
2 ~~or corrective measures if the nurse is acting in accordance with~~
3 ~~the provisions of section 8.3.~~

4 ~~(c.1) [Except as limited by subsection (c.2), and in] Except~~
5 ~~as provided for under section 8.1(j) or (l), in addition to~~
6 ~~existing authority, [a certified registered nurse] an advanced~~
7 ~~practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner shall~~
8 ~~have authority to do all of the following, provided that the~~
9 ~~[certified nurse practitioner] advanced practice registered~~
10 ~~nurse certified nurse practitioner is acting within the scope of~~
11 ~~the [certified registered nurse] advanced practice registered~~
12 ~~nurse certified nurse practitioner's collaborative or written~~
13 ~~agreement with a physician and the [certified registered nurse]~~
14 ~~advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
15 ~~practitioner's [specialty certification] population focus area:~~

16 ~~(1) Order home health and hospice care.~~

17 ~~(2) Order durable medical equipment.~~

18 ~~(3) Issue oral orders [to the extent permitted by the health~~
19 ~~care facilities' by laws, rules, regulations or administrative~~
20 ~~policies and guidelines].~~

21 ~~(4) Make physical therapy and dietitian referrals.~~

22 ~~(5) Make respiratory, speech and occupational therapy~~
23 ~~referrals.~~

24 ~~(6) Perform disability assessments for the program providing~~
25 ~~Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF).~~

26 ~~(7) Issue homebound schooling certifications.~~

27 ~~(8) Perform and sign the initial assessment of methadone~~
28 ~~treatment evaluations[, provided that any] and order [for]~~
29 ~~methadone treatment [shall be made only by a physician].~~

30 ~~(c.2) [Nothing in this section shall be construed to:~~

1 ~~(1) Supersede the authority of the Department of Health and~~
2 ~~the Department of Public Welfare to regulate the types of health~~
3 ~~care professionals who are eligible for medical staff membership~~
4 ~~or clinical privileges.~~

5 ~~(2) Restrict the authority of a health care facility to~~
6 ~~determine the scope of practice and supervision or other~~
7 ~~oversight requirements for health care professionals practicing~~
8 ~~within the facility.] Notwithstanding any provision of the act~~
9 ~~of July 19, 1979 (P.L.130, No.48), known as the "Health Care~~
10 ~~Facilities Act," no regulation or order of the Department of~~
11 ~~Health, the Department of Human Services or the Insurance~~
12 ~~Department shall supersede the decision of the governing body of~~
13 ~~a health care facility that the types of health care~~
14 ~~professionals who are eligible for medical staff membership or~~
15 ~~clinical privileges at the facility include advanced practice~~
16 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioners when practicing~~
17 ~~as licensed independent practitioners.~~

18 ~~(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or~~
19 ~~prohibit [a certified registered] an advanced practice~~
20 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner from engaging in~~
21 ~~those activities which normally constitute the practice of~~
22 ~~professional nursing as defined in section 2.~~

23 ~~Section 8.3. Prescriptive Authority for [Certified~~
24 ~~Registered] Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Certified Nurse~~
25 ~~Practitioners. (a) [A certified registered] An advanced~~
26 ~~practice registered nurse certified nurse practitioner may~~
27 ~~prescribe medical therapeutic or corrective measures if the~~
28 ~~nurse:~~

29 ~~(1) has successfully completed at least forty five (45)~~
30 ~~hours of coursework specific to advanced pharmacology at a level~~

1 above that required by a professional nursing education program;

2 ~~(2) (i) except as provided under subparagraph (ii), is~~
3 ~~acting in collaboration with a physician as set forth in a~~
4 ~~written agreement which shall, at a minimum, identify the~~
5 ~~following:~~

6 ~~[(i)] (A) the area of practice in which the nurse is~~
7 ~~certified;~~

8 ~~[(ii)] (B) the categories of drugs from which the nurse may~~
9 ~~prescribe or dispense; and~~

10 ~~[(iii)] (C) the circumstances and how often the~~
11 ~~collaborating physician will personally see the patient; or~~

12 ~~(ii) is an advanced practice registered nurse certified~~
13 ~~nurse practitioner that qualifies for the exception from~~

14 ~~section 8.1(j) or (l) and is practicing within a population~~

15 ~~focus area in which the nurse is certified by a board recognized~~
16 ~~national certification program; and~~

17 ~~(3) is acting in accordance with regulations promulgated by~~
18 ~~the board.~~

19 ~~(b) [A certified registered] An advanced practice registered~~
20 ~~nurse certified nurse practitioner who satisfies the~~

21 ~~requirements of subsection (a) may prescribe and dispense [those~~
22 ~~categories of drugs that certified registered nurse~~

23 ~~practitioners were authorized to prescribe and dispense by board~~
24 ~~regulations in effect on the effective date of this section,~~

25 ~~subject to the restrictions on certain drug categories imposed~~
26 ~~by those regulations. The board shall add to or delete from the~~

27 ~~categories of authorized drugs in accordance with the provisions~~
28 ~~of section 8.4] proprietary and nonproprietary drugs, subject to~~

29 ~~any restrictions imposed by board regulations or by Federal law.~~

30 ~~Section 8.4. [Drug Review Committee. (a) The Drug Review~~

1 ~~Committee is hereby established and shall consist of seven~~
2 ~~members as follows:~~

3 ~~(1) The Secretary of Health or, at the discretion of the~~
4 ~~Secretary of Health, the Physician General as his or her~~
5 ~~designee, who shall act as chairman.~~

6 ~~(2) Two certified registered nurse practitioners who are~~
7 ~~actively engaged in clinical practice, appointed to three year~~
8 ~~terms by the Secretary of Health.~~

9 ~~(3) Two licensed physicians who are actively engaged in~~
10 ~~clinical practice, appointed to three year terms by the~~
11 ~~Secretary of Health, at least one of whom shall, at the time of~~
12 ~~appointment, be collaborating with one or more certified~~
13 ~~registered nurse practitioners in accordance with section 8.3(a)~~
14 ~~(2).~~

15 ~~(4) Two licensed pharmacists who are actively engaged in the~~
16 ~~practice of pharmacy, appointed to three year terms by the~~
17 ~~Secretary of Health.~~

18 ~~(b) (1) The board shall submit to the Drug Review Committee~~
19 ~~any proposed change to the categories of drugs that certified~~
20 ~~registered nurse practitioners were authorized to prescribe~~
21 ~~pursuant to board regulations in effect on the effective date of~~
22 ~~this section. The board shall not change, by addition or~~
23 ~~deletion, the categories of authorized drugs without prior~~
24 ~~approval of the Drug Review Committee.~~

25 ~~(2) Within sixty (60) days of a submission by the board~~
26 ~~under paragraph (1), a majority of the Drug Review Committee~~
27 ~~shall vote to approve or disapprove the proposed change.~~

28 ~~(3) If a majority of the Drug Review Committee fails to vote~~
29 ~~to approve or disapprove the proposed change within sixty (60)~~
30 ~~days of receipt of a submission by the board under paragraph~~

1 ~~(1), the Drug Review Committee shall be deemed to have approved~~
2 ~~the proposed change.] (Reserved).~~

3 Section 8.7. Professional Liability. ~~[A certified~~
4 ~~registered]~~ ~~(a) An advanced practice registered nurse certified~~
5 ~~nurse practitioner practicing in this Commonwealth shall~~
6 ~~maintain a level of professional liability coverage as required~~
7 ~~for a nonparticipating health care provider under the act of~~
8 ~~March 20, 2002 (P.L.154, No.13), known as the "Medical Care~~
9 ~~Availability and Reduction of Error (Meare) Act," but shall not~~
10 ~~be eligible to participate in the Medical Care Availability and~~
11 ~~Reduction of Error (Meare) Fund.~~

12 ~~(b) An advanced practice registered nurse certified nurse~~
13 ~~practitioner who qualifies for the exception under section~~
14 ~~8.1(j) or (l) and operates without collaboration shall satisfy~~
15 ~~the liability coverage requirement under subsection (a) by~~
16 ~~maintaining an individual policy in the advanced practice~~
17 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner's own name.~~

18 Section 11.1. Reporting of Multiple Licensure. Any licensed
19 professional nurse or dietitian nutritionist of this
20 Commonwealth who is also licensed to practice nursing, advanced
21 practice registered nursing or dietetics nutrition in any other
22 state, territory, possession or country shall report this
23 information to the Board on the biennial registration
24 application. Any disciplinary action taken in other states shall
25 be reported to the Board on the biennial registration
26 application or within ninety (90) days of final disposition,
27 whichever is sooner. Multiple licensure shall be noted by the
28 Board on the licensee's record, and such state, territory,
29 possession or country shall be notified by the Board of any
30 disciplinary actions taken against said licensee in this

1 Commonwealth.

2 Section 12.1. ~~Continuing Nursing Education. * * *~~

3 ~~(g) In lieu of meeting the requirements of this section:~~

4 ~~(1) [Certified registered] Advanced practice registered~~
5 ~~nurse certified nurse practitioners and dietetics nutrition~~
6 ~~licensees shall fulfill the requirements for continuing~~
7 ~~education in accordance with sections 8.1 and 11,~~
8 ~~respectively.~~

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10 Section 13. ~~Punishment for Violations. * * *~~

11 ~~(b) In addition to any other civil remedy or criminal~~
12 ~~penalty provided for in this act, the Board, by a vote of the~~
13 ~~majority of the maximum number of the authorized membership of~~
14 ~~the Board as provided by law or by a vote of the majority of the~~
15 ~~duly qualified and confirmed membership or a minimum of five (5)~~
16 ~~members, whichever is greater, may levy a civil penalty of up to~~
17 ~~one thousand dollars (\$1,000) on any current licensee who~~
18 ~~violates any provision of this act or on any person who~~
19 ~~practices nursing, practices advanced practice registered~~
20 ~~nursing or holds himself or herself forth as a licensed~~
21 ~~dietitian nutritionist without being properly licensed to do so~~
22 ~~under this act or on the responsible officers or employees of any~~
23 ~~corporation, copartnership, institution or association violating~~
24 ~~any of the provisions of this act. The Board shall levy this~~
25 ~~penalty only after affording the accused party the opportunity~~
26 ~~for a hearing, as provided in Title 2 of the Pennsylvania~~
27 ~~Consolidated Statutes (relating to administrative law and~~
28 ~~procedure).~~

29 Section 14. ~~Refusal, Suspension or Revocation of Licenses.~~

30 ~~(a) The Board may refuse, suspend or revoke any license in any~~

1 ~~case where the Board shall find that—~~

2 ~~(1) The licensee is on repeated occasions negligent or~~
3 ~~incompetent in the practice of professional nursing, advanced~~
4 ~~practice registered nursing or dietetics nutrition.~~

5 ~~(2) The licensee is unable to practice professional nursing~~
6 ~~or the practice of advanced practice registered nursing with~~
7 ~~reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of mental or~~
8 ~~physical illness or condition or physiological or psychological~~
9 ~~dependence upon alcohol, hallucinogenic or narcotic drugs or~~
10 ~~other drugs which tend to impair judgment or coordination, so~~
11 ~~long as such dependence shall continue. In enforcing this clause~~
12 ~~(2), the Board shall, upon probable cause, have authority to~~
13 ~~compel a licensee to submit to a mental or physical examination~~
14 ~~as designated by it. After notice, hearing, adjudication and~~
15 ~~appeal as provided for in section 15, failure of a licensee to~~
16 ~~submit to such examination when directed shall constitute an~~
17 ~~admission of the allegations against him or her unless failure~~
18 ~~is due to circumstances beyond his or her control, consequent~~
19 ~~upon which a default and final order may be entered without the~~
20 ~~taking of testimony or presentation of evidence. A licensee~~
21 ~~affected under this paragraph shall at reasonable intervals be~~
22 ~~afforded an opportunity to demonstrate that he or she can resume~~
23 ~~a competent practice of professional nursing or the practice of~~
24 ~~advanced practice registered nursing with reasonable skill and~~
25 ~~safety to patients.~~

26 ~~* * *~~

27 ~~(4) The licensee has committed fraud or deceit in:~~

28 ~~(i) the practice of nursing, the practice of advanced~~
29 ~~practice registered nursing or in securing his or her admission~~
30 ~~to such practice or nursing school; or~~

1 ~~(ii) the practice of dietetics nutrition or in securing his~~
2 ~~or her license as a dietitian nutritionist.~~

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4 ~~(b) When the Board finds that the license of any nurse or~~
5 ~~dietitian nutritionist may be refused, revoked or suspended~~
6 ~~under the terms of subsection (a), the Board may:~~

7 ~~* * *~~

8 ~~(6) Restore or reissue, in its discretion, a suspended~~
9 ~~license to practice professional or practical nursing, advanced~~
10 ~~practice registered nursing or dietetics nutrition and impose~~
11 ~~any disciplinary or corrective measure which it might originally~~
12 ~~have imposed.~~

13 ~~Section 15.2. Reinstatement of License. Unless ordered to~~
14 ~~do so by Commonwealth Court or an appeal therefrom, the Board~~
15 ~~shall not reinstate the license of a person to practice nursing,~~
16 ~~advanced practice registered nursing or dietetics nutrition~~
17 ~~which has been revoked. Any person whose license has been~~
18 ~~revoked may reapply for a license, after a period of at least~~
19 ~~five (5) years, but must meet all of the licensing~~
20 ~~qualifications of this act for the license applied for, to~~
21 ~~include the examination requirement, if he or she desires to~~
22 ~~practice at any time after such revocation.~~

23 ~~Section 15.4. Injunction or Other Process. It shall be~~
24 ~~unlawful for any person to practice or attempt to offer to~~
25 ~~practice nursing, practice advanced practice registered nursing~~
26 ~~or hold himself or herself forth as a licensed dietitian~~
27 ~~nutritionist[, as defined in this act,] or an advanced practice~~
28 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner without having at~~
29 ~~the time of so doing a valid, unexpired, unrevoked and~~
30 ~~unsuspended license issued under this act. The unlawful practice~~

1 ~~of nursing [as defined in this act] or the unlawful practice of~~
2 ~~advanced practice registered nursing may be enjoined by the~~
3 ~~courts on petition of the Board or the Commissioner of~~
4 ~~Professional and Occupational Affairs. In any such proceeding,~~
5 ~~it shall not be necessary to show that any person is~~
6 ~~individually injured by the actions complained of. If it is~~
7 ~~determined that the respondent has engaged in the unlawful~~
8 ~~practice of nursing or the unlawful practice of advanced~~
9 ~~practice registered nursing, the court shall enjoin him or her~~
10 ~~from so practicing unless and until he or she has been duly~~
11 ~~licensed. Procedure in such cases shall be the same as in any~~
12 ~~other injunction suit. The remedy by injunction hereby given is~~
13 ~~in addition to any other civil or criminal prosecution and~~
14 ~~punishment.~~

15 ~~Section 4. The authority of the State Board of Nursing to~~
16 ~~certify a licensed registered nurse as an advanced practice~~
17 ~~registered nurse certified nurse practitioner shall expire on~~
18 ~~the effective date of this section.~~

19 ~~Section 5. Within 90 days after the effective date of this~~
20 ~~section, the State Board of Nursing, the Department of Health,~~
21 ~~the Department of Human Services and other affected agencies~~
22 ~~shall initiate the promulgation of regulations necessary to~~
23 ~~carry out the provisions of this act. The promulgation of the~~
24 ~~regulations shall not be a condition precedent to the~~
25 ~~applicability of this act.~~

26 ~~Section 6. This act shall take effect in 60 days.~~

27 SECTION 1. THE ACT OF MAY 22, 1951 (P.L.317, NO.69), KNOWN <--
28 AS THE PROFESSIONAL NURSING LAW, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION
29 TO READ:

30 SECTION 8.8. CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER PILOT

1 PROGRAM.-- (A) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH THE CERTIFIED
2 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER PILOT PROGRAM TO ALLOW AN ELIGIBLE
3 CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER TO RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL
4 CERTIFICATION TO PRACTICE AS AN INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER IN A
5 HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA.

6 (B) A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL BE
7 ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM IF THE CERTIFIED
8 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER MEETS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
9 CRITERIA:

10 (1) THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER HOLDS A
11 CURRENT LICENSE TO PRACTICE IN THIS COMMONWEALTH.

12 (2) THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER RECEIVED NO
13 DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR HAS NO PENDING DISCIPLINARY ACTION WITHIN
14 THE FIVE (5) YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE
15 CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER'S APPLICATION UNDER
16 PARAGRAPH (4).

17 (3) THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER ENGAGED IN
18 THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN COLLABORATION WITH A
19 PHYSICIAN FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN THREE (3) YEARS AND NOT
20 LESS THAN THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED (3,600) HOURS IN ACCORDANCE
21 WITH A COLLABORATIVE OR WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH A PHYSICIAN AND
22 THE PRACTICE OCCURRED IN A PRIMARY CARE SETTING WITHIN THE FIVE
23 (5) YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DATE OF THE CERTIFIED
24 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER'S APPLICATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (4).

25 (4) THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SUBMITS AN
26 APPLICATION WITH THE BOARD ON A FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD AND
27 PAYS A FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD. THE APPLICATION SHALL
28 ATTEST THAT THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER MEETS
29 THE CRITERIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM UNDER PARAGRAPH (3)
30 AND SHALL BE SIGNED BY A CURRENT OR FORMER COLLABORATING

1 PHYSICIAN UNDER PARAGRAPH (3). IF THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
2 PRACTITIONER IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE SIGNATURE REQUIRED UNDER
3 THIS PARAGRAPH, THE BOARD MAY ACCEPT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTATION
4 ATTESTING THAT THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER MEETS
5 THE CRITERIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM UNDER PARAGRAPH (3).

6 (C) WHILE PRACTICING IN A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA
7 UNDER THE PROGRAM, A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER
8 MAY:

9 (1) PRACTICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8.2 WITHOUT A
10 COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT; AND

11 (2) PRESCRIBE MEDICAL THERAPEUTIC OR CORRECTIVE MEASURES IN
12 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8.3 WITHOUT A COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT.

13 (D) IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM, A
14 CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO
15 BIENNIAL RENEWAL AND SHALL SUBMIT A RENEWAL APPLICATION ON A
16 FORM PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD, PAY A FEE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD
17 AND COMPLETE TEN (10) HOURS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION APPROVED BY
18 THE BOARD IN PATIENT SAFETY AND RISK MANAGEMENT. THE RENEWAL
19 APPLICATION UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL ATTEST THAT THE
20 CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER COMPLETED THE CONTINUING
21 EDUCATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION. THE CONTINUING
22 EDUCATION REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO
23 THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 8.1(C).

24 (E) WHILE PRACTICING IN A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA
25 UNDER THE PROGRAM, THE CLINICAL PRACTICE OF A CERTIFIED
26 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL BE LIMITED TO PRIMARY CARE,
27 INCLUDING FAMILY PRACTICE, INTERNAL MEDICINE, GYNECOLOGY OR
28 PEDIATRICS. A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL
29 IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY THE BOARD IN WRITING IF THE CERTIFIED
30 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER CHANGES PRACTICE SETTINGS OR

1 PROVIDES CARE IN AN AREA THAT IS NOT A HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
2 SHORTAGE AREA. A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO
3 FAILS TO PROVIDE THE NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION OR
4 WHO IS FOUND TO BE PRACTICING OUTSIDE OF THE PRACTICE SETTINGS
5 OR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA SPECIFIED IN THE NOTICE
6 SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM
7 AND DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN ON THE CERTIFIED
8 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER'S LICENSE AS DEEMED NECESSARY BY
9 THE BOARD.

10 (F) WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM IN A HEALTH
11 PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA, A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
12 PRACTITIONER SHALL BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE BOARD, NURSING
13 PROFESSION AND PATIENTS AND SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

14 (1) THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL COMPLY
15 WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS ACT AND THE STANDARD OF CARE OF
16 ADVANCED NURSING CARE RENDERED.

17 (2) THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL
18 RECOGNIZE THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER'S
19 LIMITATION REGARDING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE.

20 (3) THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL WEAR A
21 NAME IDENTIFICATION BADGE STATING THE INDIVIDUAL'S PROFESSIONAL
22 TITLE AND SHALL INFORM NEW PATIENTS IN WRITING ABOUT THE
23 CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER'S QUALIFICATIONS,
24 INCLUDING A DISCLOSURE THAT THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
25 PRACTITIONER IS NOT A PHYSICIAN, AND THE NATURE OF THE CERTIFIED
26 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER'S AUTONOMOUS PRACTICE BEFORE OR
27 DURING THE INITIAL PATIENT ENCOUNTER.

28 (4) THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL PLAN
29 FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF SITUATIONS BEYOND THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED
30 NURSE PRACTITIONER'S EXPERTISE.

1 (5) THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL
2 CONSULT WITH AND REFER PATIENTS TO OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS,
3 AS APPROPRIATE.

4 (G) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

5 (1) THE BOARD SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE
6 PROGRAM. WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
7 SUBSECTION, THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH A SUBCOMMITTEE TO ASSIST
8 THE BOARD IN ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM. THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL
9 CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

10 (I) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH OR A DESIGNEE FROM THE
11 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, BUREAU OF HEALTH PLANNING, THAT HAS
12 EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS,
13 WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

14 (II) TWO CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS WHO ARE
15 ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PRIMARY CARE CLINICAL PRACTICE. THE
16 CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS SHALL BE SELECTED BY A
17 STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING CERTIFIED
18 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS ENGAGED IN PRIMARY CARE CLINICAL
19 PRACTICE. THE STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION SHALL SUBMIT
20 THE NAMES OF THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS
21 SELECTED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH TO THE BOARD FOR APPOINTMENT ON
22 THE SUBCOMMITTEE.

23 (III) TWO LICENSED PHYSICIANS, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE AN
24 ALLOPATHIC PHYSICIAN AND ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE AN OSTEOPATHIC
25 PHYSICIAN, WHO ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN PRIMARY CARE CLINICAL
26 PRACTICE. THE LICENSED PHYSICIANS SHALL BE SELECTED BY STATEWIDE
27 PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING FAMILY MEDICINE,
28 INTERNAL MEDICINE OR PEDIATRICS. THE STATEWIDE PROFESSIONAL
29 ORGANIZATIONS SHALL SUBMIT THE NAMES OF THE LICENSED PHYSICIANS
30 SELECTED UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH TO THE BOARD FOR APPOINTMENT ON

1 THE SUBCOMMITTEE. AT THE TIME OF APPOINTMENT UNDER THIS
2 SUBPARAGRAPH, THE LICENSED PHYSICIANS SHALL MEET ALL OF THE
3 FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

4 (A) THE LICENSED PHYSICIANS SHALL BE COLLABORATING WITH A
5 CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER OR SHALL HAVE
6 COLLABORATED WITH A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER
7 WITHIN THE PRECEDING THREE (3) YEARS.

8 (B) THE LICENSED PHYSICIANS SHALL BE NATIONALLY BOARD
9 CERTIFIED IN FAMILY MEDICINE, INTERNAL MEDICINE OR PEDIATRICS.

10 (2) THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING DUTIES:

11 (I) PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
12 PRACTITIONERS REGARDING THE QUALIFICATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
13 PROGRAM.

14 (II) APPROVE THE TEMPORARY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER
15 SUBSECTION (M).

16 (III) REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION TO PARTICIPATE
17 IN THE PROGRAM.

18 (IV) COLLABORATE WITH THE BOARD TO APPROVE, ISSUE, TRACK AND
19 REVOKE THE CERTIFICATION OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
20 PRACTITIONERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.

21 (V) CONDUCT A PRELIMINARY REVIEW OF A CERTIFIED REGISTERED
22 NURSE PRACTITIONER'S APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM.
23 IF THE SUBCOMMITTEE DETERMINES THAT THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED
24 NURSE PRACTITIONER MEETS THE CRITERIA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
25 PROGRAM UNDER SUBSECTION (B), THE SUBCOMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A
26 NOTICE OF PREAPPROVAL TO THE BOARD. THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE A
27 CERTIFICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM TO A CERTIFIED
28 REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER IF THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
29 PRACTITIONER'S APPLICATION HAS NOT BEEN PREAPPROVED BY THE
30 SUBCOMMITTEE UNDER THIS SUBPARAGRAPH.

1 (H) WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM IN A HEALTH
2 PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA, A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
3 PRACTITIONER SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS A PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER.

4 (I) A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER WHO
5 PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A
6 PARTICIPATING HEALTH CARE PROVIDER AS DEFINED IN SECTION 702 OF
7 THE ACT OF MARCH 20, 2002 (P.L.154, NO.13), KNOWN AS THE MEDICAL
8 CARE AVAILABILITY AND REDUCTION OF ERROR (MCARE) ACT, SHALL MEET
9 THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SECTION 711 OF THE MEDICAL CARE
10 AVAILABILITY AND REDUCTION OF ERROR (MCARE) ACT, AND SHALL BE
11 ASSESSED UNDER SECTION 712 OF THE MEDICAL CARE AVAILABILITY AND
12 REDUCTION OF ERROR (MCARE) ACT. UPON RECEIVING AN ASSESSMENT
13 UNDER SECTION 712 OF THE MEDICAL CARE AVAILABILITY AND REDUCTION
14 OF ERROR (MCARE) ACT, THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
15 PRACTITIONER WHO PARTICIPATES IN THE PROGRAM SHALL BE ELIGIBLE
16 TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM CLAIMS PAID BY THE MEDICAL CARE
17 AVAILABILITY AND REDUCTION OF ERROR FUND. FOR PURPOSES OF THE
18 PROGRAM, THE BOARD SHALL BE CONSIDERED A LICENSURE AUTHORITY AS
19 DEFINED IN SECTION 702 OF THE MEDICAL CARE AVAILABILITY AND
20 REDUCTION OF ERROR (MCARE) ACT.

21 (J) IF A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER INTENDS TO
22 PRACTICE SIMULTANEOUSLY UNDER THE PROGRAM, AND PURSUANT TO A
23 COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH A PHYSICIAN WHO IS EXTERNAL TO THE
24 PROGRAM, THE COLLABORATING PHYSICIAN SHALL HAVE NO LEGAL
25 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED
26 NURSE PRACTITIONER PRACTICING UNDER THE PROGRAM.

27 (K) THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

28 (1) FIVE (5) YEARS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS
29 SUBSECTION, THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT
30 A STUDY ON THE PROGRAM AND, WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF COMMENCING

1 THE STUDY, SUBMIT THE STUDY TO THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
2 PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE
3 PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
4 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE PROGRAM. THE STUDY SHALL
5 INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL OF THE FOLLOWING
6 INFORMATION:

7 (I) THE NUMBER OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS
8 WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM AND THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL
9 SHORTAGE AREAS WHERE THEY PARTICIPATED.

10 (II) THE NUMBER OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS
11 WHO WERE REJECTED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM AND THE
12 REASON WHY THEY WERE REJECTED.

13 (III) THE NUMBER OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS
14 THAT LEFT THE PROGRAM AND THE REASON WHY THEY LEFT THE PROGRAM.

15 (IV) THE ACCESS TO PATIENT CARE, PATIENT OUTCOMES AND
16 EMERGENCY ROOM USE IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS
17 COVERED UNDER THE PROGRAM AS COMPARED TO THE ACCESS TO PATIENT
18 CARE, PATIENT OUTCOMES AND EMERGENCY ROOM USE IN THE AREAS NOT
19 COVERED BY THE PROGRAM.

20 (V) THE NUMBER OF REFERRALS BY CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
21 PRACTITIONERS TO EMERGENCY HOSPITALS, THE SEVERITY OF ILLNESS
22 EXPERIENCED BY EACH REFERRED PATIENT AND THE NUMBER OF REPEAT
23 VISITS BY PATIENTS TO EMERGENCY HOSPITALS.

24 (VI) A COMPARISON OF THE USE OF ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC TESTS
25 AND IMAGING BY CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS
26 PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM AND THE USE OF ADVANCED DIAGNOSTIC
27 TESTS AND IMAGING BY PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN THE SAME HEALTH
28 PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA.

29 (VII) THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS FILED WITH THE BOARD, THE
30 NATURE OF THE COMPLAINTS AND THE DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS THAT WERE

1 TAKEN.

2 (VIII) THE NUMBER OF REFERRALS BY CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
3 PRACTITIONERS TO PHYSICIAN SPECIALISTS AS COMPARED TO PRIMARY
4 CARE PHYSICIANS IN THE SAME HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREAS
5 COVERED UNDER THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE TYPES OF SPECIALISTS
6 REFERRED TO BY CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS, THE
7 REASONS FOR THE REFERRALS AND THE NUMBER OF VISITS WITH EACH
8 CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER BEFORE THE REFERRALS.

9 (IX) THE NUMBER OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS
10 THAT ARE EMPLOYED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM VERSUS THE
11 NUMBER OF CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONERS THAT ARE
12 WORKING IN PRIVATE PRACTICE UNDER THE PROGRAM.

13 (X) ANY OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION TO EVALUATE THE PROGRAM.

14 (2) THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION SHALL OBTAIN
15 DEIDENTIFIED DATA FROM HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY CLAIMS ON
16 PATIENTS RECEIVING CARE FROM A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE
17 PRACTITIONER PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF
18 COLLECTING DATA TO COMPLETE THE STUDY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1).

19 (3) THE BOARD SHALL PROVIDE THE JOINT STATE GOVERNMENT
20 COMMISSION, UPON REQUEST, WITH ALL INFORMATION NECESSARY TO
21 COMPLETE THE STUDY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1).

22 (L) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE BOARD AND SUBCOMMITTEE
23 IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIVING NOTIFICATION OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION
24 OF THIS SECTION. THE BOARD SHALL MAINTAIN CURRENT RECORDS OF ALL
25 REPORTS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS AND PERIODICALLY REVIEW THE
26 RECORDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINING THAT EACH ALLEGED
27 VIOLATION HAS BEEN RESOLVED IN A TIMELY MANNER, AND IF
28 NECESSARY, FORWARD THE REPORTS TO THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE OR
29 THE STATE BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE FOR INFORMATIONAL
30 PURPOSES.

1 (M) THE BOARD SHALL PROMULGATE REGULATIONS NECESSARY TO
2 IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM AS APPROVED BY THE SUBCOMMITTEE
3 ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (G) (1) AND WITH THE CONSIDERATION
4 OF ANY RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND
5 PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE OF THE SENATE AND THE
6 PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING THE PROGRAM. IN ORDER TO
8 FACILITATE THE PROMPT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM, REGULATIONS
9 PROMULGATED BY THE BOARD SHALL BE DEEMED TEMPORARY REGULATIONS
10 WHICH SHALL NOT EXPIRE FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) YEARS FOLLOWING
11 PUBLICATION. TEMPORARY REGULATIONS PROMULGATED UNDER THIS
12 SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO:

13 (1) SECTION 612 OF THE ACT OF APRIL 9, 1929 (P.L.177,
14 NO.175), KNOWN AS THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF 1929.

15 (2) SECTIONS 204(B) AND 301(10) OF THE ACT OF OCTOBER 15,
16 1980 (P.L.950, NO.164), KNOWN AS THE COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEYS ACT.

17 (3) SECTIONS 201, 202, 203, 204 AND 205 OF THE ACT OF JULY
18 31, 1968 (P.L.769, NO.240), REFERRED TO AS THE COMMONWEALTH
19 DOCUMENTS LAW.

20 (4) THE ACT OF JUNE 25, 1982 (P.L.633, NO.181), KNOWN AS THE
21 REGULATORY REVIEW ACT.

22 (N) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO:

23 (1) PERMIT A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER TO
24 PRACTICE UNDER THE ACT OF DECEMBER 20, 1985 (P.L.457, NO.112),
25 KNOWN AS THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT OF 1985, OR THE ACT OF OCTOBER
26 5, 1978 (P.L.1109, NO.261), KNOWN AS THE OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL
27 PRACTICE ACT; OR

28 (2) PROHIBIT A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER
29 CERTIFIED UNDER THE PROGRAM FROM CONSULTING WITH OR SEEKING
30 INFORMATION RELATED TO PATIENT CARE FROM A PHYSICIAN. FOR THE

1 PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION, NO PHYSICIAN-PATIENT RELATIONSHIP SHALL
2 BE ESTABLISHED BETWEEN A PATIENT AND A PHYSICIAN WITH WHOM THE
3 CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER CONSULTS OR FROM WHOM
4 CLINICAL INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE IS SOUGHT.

5 (O) THE PROGRAM SHALL EXPIRE SIX (6) YEARS AFTER THE
6 EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SUBSECTION. UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE
7 PROGRAM, THE FOLLOWING SHALL APPLY:

8 (1) A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER SHALL BE
9 DEEMED TO HAVE RETIRED AS A HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONER FOR THE
10 PURPOSES OF THE MEDICAL CARE AVAILABILITY AND REDUCTION OF ERROR
11 (MCARE) ACT.

12 (2) A CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PRACTITIONER MAY NOT
13 PRACTICE UNDER THE PROGRAM.

14 (P) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES
15 SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SUBSECTION:

16 "HEALTH PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA" SHALL MEAN A GEOGRAPHIC
17 OR POPULATION AREA IN THIS COMMONWEALTH DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED
18 STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES THAT INDICATES A
19 HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE IN PRIMARY CARE.

20 "PROGRAM" SHALL MEAN THE CERTIFIED REGISTERED NURSE PILOT
21 PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A).

22 SECTION 2. THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS FOLLOWS:

23 (1) SECTION 8.8(G) AND (M) OF THE ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT
24 IMMEDIATELY.

25 (2) THIS SECTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

26 (3) THE REMAINDER OF THIS ACT SHALL TAKE EFFECT IN 180
27 DAYS.