

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2268

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PORTWOOD.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

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AN ACT

To repeal section 335.076, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to Christian Science nurses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 335.076, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 335.076, to read as follows:

335.076. 1. Any person who holds a license to practice professional nursing in this state may use the title "Registered Professional Nurse" and the abbreviation "R.N.". No other person shall use the title "Registered Professional Nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N.". No other person shall assume any title or use any abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a registered professional nurse.

2. Any person who holds a license to practice practical nursing in this state may use the title "Licensed Practical Nurse" and the abbreviation "L.P.N.". No other person shall use the title "Licensed Practical Nurse" or the abbreviation "L.P.N.". No other person shall assume any title or use any abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices to indicate that the person using the same is a licensed practical nurse.

3. Any person who holds a license or recognition to practice advanced practice nursing in this state may use the title "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse", and the abbreviation "APRN", and any other title designations appearing on his or her license. No other person shall use the title "Advanced Practice Registered Nurse" or the abbreviation "APRN". No other

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

15 person shall assume any title or use any abbreviation or any other words, letters, signs, or devices
16 to indicate that the person using the same is an advanced practice registered nurse.

17 4. No person shall practice or offer to practice professional nursing, practical nursing,
18 or advanced practice nursing in this state or use any title, sign, abbreviation, card, or device to
19 indicate that such person is a practicing professional nurse, practical nurse, or advanced practice
20 nurse unless he or she has been duly licensed under the provisions of this chapter.

21 5. In the interest of public safety and consumer awareness, it is unlawful for any person
22 to use the title "nurse" in reference to himself or herself in any capacity, except individuals who
23 are or have been licensed as a registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or advanced practice
24 registered nurse under this chapter.

25 6. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, nothing in this chapter shall prohibit a
26 [person listed as a] Christian Science nurse [in the Christian Science Journal published by the
27 Christian Science Publishing Society, Boston, Massachusetts,] from using the title "Christian
28 Science nurse", so long as such person provides **only** religious nonmedical services when
29 offering or providing **such** services to [a member of his or her own religious organization and
30 does not hold his or her own religious organization] **those who choose to rely upon healing by**
31 **spiritual means alone** and does not hold himself or herself out as a registered nurse, advanced
32 practice registered nurse, nurse practitioner, licensed practical nurse, nurse midwife, clinical
33 nurse specialist, or nurse anesthetist, unless otherwise authorized by law to do so.

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