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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to nurse practitioners; to amend section
2 38-2315, Revised Statutes Supplement, 2007; to provide
3 for practice without an integrated practice agreement;
4 to provide an operative date; and to repeal the original
5 section.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 38-2315, Revised Statutes Supplement,
2 2007, is amended to read:

3 38-2315 (1) A nurse practitioner may provide health
4 care services within specialty areas. A nurse practitioner shall
5 function by establishing collaborative, consultative, and referral
6 networks as appropriate with other health care professionals.
7 Patients who require care beyond the scope of practice of a
8 nurse practitioner shall be referred to an appropriate health care
9 provider.

10 (2) Nurse practitioner practice means health promotion,
11 health supervision, illness prevention and diagnosis, treatment,
12 and management of common health problems and chronic conditions,
13 including:

14 (a) Assessing patients, ordering diagnostic tests and
15 therapeutic treatments, synthesizing and analyzing data, and
16 applying advanced nursing principles;

17 (b) Dispensing, incident to practice only, sample
18 medications which are provided by the manufacturer and are provided
19 at no charge to the patient; and

20 (c) Prescribing therapeutic measures and medications
21 relating to health conditions within the scope of practice. Any
22 limitation on the prescribing authority of the nurse practitioner
23 for controlled substances listed in Schedule II of section 28-405
24 shall be recorded in the integrated practice agreement established
25 pursuant to section 38-2310.

1 (3) A nurse practitioner who has proof of a current
2 certification from an approved certification program in a
3 psychiatric or mental health specialty may manage the care of
4 patients committed under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment
5 Act. Patients who require care beyond the scope of practice of a
6 nurse practitioner who has proof of a current certification from an
7 approved certification program in a psychiatric or mental health
8 specialty shall be referred to an appropriate health care provider.

9 (4) A nurse practitioner who has practiced as a nurse
10 practitioner in accordance with an integrated practice agreement
11 for five years with no disciplinary actions against his or her
12 license may continue his or her practice as a nurse practitioner
13 without an integrated practice agreement.

14 Sec. 2. This act becomes operative on December 1, 2008.

15 Sec. 3. Original section 38-2315, Revised Statutes
16 Supplement, 2007, is repealed.