

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
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FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 243**  
Final Reading

Introduced by Howard, 9.

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Committee: Health and Human Services

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act; to amend  
2 section 38-2315, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,  
3 2012; to redefine nurse practitioner practice; and to  
4 repeal the original section.  
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1                   Section 1. Section 38-2315, Revised Statutes Cumulative  
2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

25                   (3) A nurse practitioner who has proof of a current

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

8 (4) A nurse practitioner may pronounce death and may  
9 complete and sign death certificates and any other forms if such acts  
10 are within the scope of practice of the nurse practitioner and are  
11 not otherwise prohibited by law.

12 Sec. 2. Original section 38-2315, Revised Statutes  
13 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.