

Summary of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Uniformity Act LRB 0401/P4

The purpose of this legislation is to create an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) license in Wisconsin to reflect the current practice of nurses with advanced education and training and to distinguish these nurses for purposes of employment and recognition by the public.

The bill identifies the four recognized advanced practice roles—certified nurse midwives, clinical nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists and nurse practitioners. The bill creates criteria for licensure as an APRN:

1. Wisconsin licensure as a registered nurse and completion of a graduate program that prepares the nurse for one of the advanced practice roles.
2. Grandfathering for nurses who were practicing in an advanced practice role as of January 1, 2013 but who lack the graduate education, with Board of Nursing approval.
3. Paying a fee.

The bill amends the current prescriptive authority statute by requiring a Prescriber to be an APRN.

The bill repeals s. 441.15 regarding midwives because they are a designated practice role specified for the APRN.

The bill adds APRNs who are prescribers to the enumeration of health providers who may not be discriminated against in seeking hospital privileges.

The bill makes numerous language changes throughout the statutes to conform RN and APNP references to the new definition of APRN.

The bill amends ch. 655, The Injured Patient's and Families Compensation Fund (PCF), by including APRN's with prescriptive authority in the enumeration of persons covered by the PCF and authorizes the PCF to set appropriate fees for participation.

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