

WNA Legislative and Regulatory Update

August 2017

WNA continues to monitor and provide feedback to legislators on legislative proposals that are of interest to professional nurses and our patients. Below is a summary of WNA's position on legislative and regulatory proposals.

January 2017 Special Session

AB1/SB1 - Emergency administration of opioid antagonist to pupils and other persons.

Position: Support

Rationale: Promote comprehensive and judicious approach to minimizing overuse/abuse of prescribed or non-prescribed opioids that include crisis intervention, inpatient, community-based treatment and support

Status: 7/17/17 Signed the Governor docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/29 .

AB4/SB4 - Prohibiting certain schedule V controlled substances from being dispensed without a prescription.

Position: Support

Rationale: Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

Status: 7/17/17 Signed by the Governor docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/25

AB8/SB8 - Creating additional opioid treatment programs and making an appropriation.

Position: Support

Rationale: Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

Status: 7/17/17 Signed by the Governor docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/27

AB9/SB9 - Addiction medicine consultation program and making an appropriation

Position: Support

Rationale: Allow registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses to practice to the full extent of their education, training, experience and license.

Status: 7/17/17 Signed by the Governor docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2017/related/acts/28

2017 – 2019 Legislature Regular Session

AB41 - Grants to technical college district boards and technical college faculty, staff, and students and making appropriations.

Position: Support

Rationale: Increase the capacity of nursing education programs to minimize wait times for nursing students through targeted funding.

Status: Referred to Committee on Workforce Development. 6/14/17 - Refused to suspend rules to withdraw from committee on Workforce Development and take up, Ayes 33, Noes 63, [2017 Assembly Bill 41](#)

AB96/SB209 - Supply and use of epinephrine auto-injectors by certain authorized individuals

Position: Support

Rationale: Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

Status: 4/20/17 **AB 96** Passed the Assembly and referred to Senate Health and Human Services Committee [2017 Assembly Bill 96](#)

AB146/SB114 - The practice of dental hygienists.

Position: Support

Rationale: Provide access to affordable dental and preventive health services

Status: 6/20/17 Signed by the Governor [2017 Wisconsin Act 20](#)

AB225 - Placement of cigarettes, nicotine products, or tobacco products by retailers and providing a penalty.

Position: Support

Rationale: Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee State Affairs [2017 Assembly Bill 225](#)

AB227/SB161 - Training grants for advanced practice clinicians and making an appropriation

Position: Support

Rationale: Support practice innovation to drive exceptional nursing care

Status: 5/3/17 Public hearing Assembly Committee on Rural Development [2017 Assembly Bill 227](#)

5/24/17 Public Hearing Mining and the Senate Committee Revenue, Financial Institutions, and Rural Issues
[2017 Senate Bill 161](#)

AB252/SB172 - Administration of vaccines by pharmacy students

Position: Support

Rationale: Provide affordable prescription drugs, medical supplies, and healthcare services that are accessible and preventable.

Status: August 2 signed by the Governor [2017 Wisconsin Act 42](#)

AB260/SB232 - Physical examinations conducted by chiropractors; performance of medical examinations by chiropractors for youth athletic activity and for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

Position: Oppose

Rationale: Protect the rights and safety of patients in and across all health care settings.

Status: 6/22/17 – Passed the full Assembly, Public hearing Assembly Health Committee [2017 Assembly Bill 260](#) and Received by the Senate and referred to Committee on Health and Human Services

AB293/SB 242 - Communicable disease control and prevention funding

Position: Support

Rationale: Promote a strong, viable, well-funded public health system and infrastructure that utilizes state and county health rankings to improve the health of the population

Status: 6/13/17 – Passed out of the Committee on Health and referred to the Joint Committee on Finance. 5/17/17 Public hearing Assembly Committee on Health [2017 Assembly Bill 293](#) and 5/11/17- Introduced and referred to Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

AB306/SB237 – Tracking the sale of pseudoephedrine products

Position: Support

Rationale: Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

Status: AB 306 – 7/21/17 Passed out of the full Assembly. 5/8/17-Introduced and referred to Assembly Committee on Health. [2017 Assembly Bill 306](#). 6/23/17 Senate - Received by the Assembly, and referred to the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services. 5/11/17 Introduced and referred to Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

AB432/SB 341 - Prohibits the hours of instructional program for nurse aids to be greater than the federal requirement of 75 hr. The hours required for Wisconsin 120 hours .

Position: In discussion

Status: AB 432- 6/30/17 Introduced and referred to Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care. [2017 Assembly Bill 432](#) SB 341 – 7/13/17 Introduced and referred Senate Committee on Health and Human Services. [2017 Senate Bill 341](#)

SB27 - [2017 Senate Bill 27](#) Intravenous technician endorsement for emergency medical technicians

Position: Support

Rationale: Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

Status: 2/8/17 Introduced and referred to Assembly Health Committee

Administrative Rules/ Regulatory Updates

Scope Statement N3 – [SS 034-16](#) Repeal Examining councils on registered nurses and licensed practical nurses

Position: Support—Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

Rationale: Wisconsin Board of Nursing no longer prepares the testing to become licensed as an LPN or RN. This is now a national standardized exam through National Council of States Board of Nursing.

Status: Cleared Senate and Assembly Health Committees (no comments received).

6/26/27 Submitted to Joint Commission on Administrative Rules

Scope Statement N1 – School of Nursing Approval (Curriculum and Clinical)

Monitoring: Apply evidence-based care to improve patient outcomes

Rationale: Changes are being proposed that support the nursing student.

Status: Board of Nursing working on drafting of rule

Scope Statement [CR 17-008](#) CSB 2/SS 004 17 Scheduling of AB-Fubina and ADB-Pinaca

Position: Support

Rationale: Categorizes as a schedule I controlled substance

Status: 7/7/17 No action taken by Assembly or Senate Health Committees

Scope Statement [CR 17-009](#) CSB 2/SS 002_17 Scheduling of Brivaracetam

Position: Support

Rationale: Categorizes Brivaracetam as a schedule V controlled substance.

Status: 7/6/17 No action taken by Senate or Assembly Health Committees

Scope Statement [CR 17-007](#) CSB 2/SS 003_17 Scheduling of Thiafentanil

Position: Support

Rationale: Categorizes Thiafentanil as a schedule II controlled substance.

Status: Passed with Effective date of 8/1/17

Scope Statement [CR 17-020](#) CSB 2/SS 015_17 Schedule U-47700

Position: Support

Rationale: Categorizes U-4770 as a schedule 1 controlled substance

Status: 7/17/17 - Submitted to the Assembly and Senate Health Committees – waiting for public comment.

Pending Legislation Update

APRN Modernization Act – The WI APRN Coalition working on a final draft of the legislative proposal. The goal is to have legislation introduced Fall 2017. WI APRN Coalition was developed to assist with fundraising, communication & outreach, and talking points. **WNA is leading this effort.**

Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact – The Wisconsin Board of Nursing will be accepting comments on the Enhanced Nurse Licensure Compact at a public informational hearing on June 8. The new version calls for mandatory fingerprinting of all new LPN and RN applicants as part of the licensure approval process. **WNA supports adoption.**

Increase Supply for Nurse Faculty – Support salary increases. Support strategy that increases the supply of nurse faculty. **WNA is working with Administrators of Nursing Education in Wisconsin (ANEW).**

Criminalization of Workplace Violence against Nurses – Increases the penalty for battery to a nurse to the same level as for those working in the emergency room. **WNA is leading this effort.**