

## CHAPTER 439—H.F.No. 1989

*An act relating to education; creating a task force on child care in higher education.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **TASK FORCE ON CHILD CARE IN HIGHER EDUCATION.**

Subdivision 1. PURPOSE AND DUTIES. A task force on child care in higher education is established to determine the goals of child care in higher education in relation to existing child care programs, study and select strategies and mechanisms for the state to use in achieving those goals, and to make recommendations to the legislature for short-term and long-range policy development.

Subd. 2. MEMBERSHIP. The governor shall appoint the members of the task force. The chair of the student advisory council, and the members of the higher education advisory council may make recommendations for appointment. There must be one student member from each system member of the student advisory council and one faculty or administrator member from each system member of the higher education advisory council. The faculty or administrator representative must be an individual who has had involvement in dealing with child care issues. The members of the task force shall elect the chair. One representative of the department of health, department of human services, and the higher education coordinating board must also be appointed.

Subd. 3. REPORTS. The task force shall submit a set of recommendations to the higher education division of the senate education committee and the house of representatives higher education committee on its activities, findings, and recommendations by January 15, 1989.

Subd. 4. FUNDING. The task force may seek funding from nonstate sources to accomplish its tasks under subdivisions 1 to 3.

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## CHAPTER 440—H.F.No. 1784

*An act relating to nurse-midwives; allowing a certified nurse-midwife to prescribe and administer drugs and therapeutic devices; allowing an appropriately certified and licensed health care professional to prescribe legend drugs and controlled substances; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, sections 148.171; 151.37, subdivision 2; and 152.12, subdivision 1.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 148.171, is amended to read:

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## 148.171 DEFINITIONS.

As used in sections 148.171 to 148.285:

(1) The term "Board" shall mean Minnesota board of nursing.

(2) The term "Registered Nurse" abbreviated R.N., shall mean a natural person licensed by the Minnesota board of nursing to practice professional nursing.

(3) The practice of professional nursing means the performance for compensation or personal profit of the professional interpersonal service of: (a) providing a nursing assessment of the actual or potential health needs of individuals, families, or communities; (b) providing nursing care supportive to or restorative of life by functions such as skilled ministrations of nursing care, supervising and teaching nursing personnel, health teaching and counseling, case finding and referral to other health resources; and (c) evaluating these actions.

The practice of professional nursing includes both independent nursing functions and delegated medical functions which may be performed in collaboration with other health team members, or may be delegated by the professional nurse to other nursing personnel. Independent nursing function may also be performed autonomously. The practice of professional nursing requires that level of special education, knowledge, and skill ordinarily expected of an individual who has completed an approved professional nursing education program as described in section 148.211, subdivision 1. A registered nurse who has graduated from a program of study designed to prepare registered nurses for advanced practice as nurse-midwives and who is certified through the national professional nursing organization for nurse-midwives may prescribe and administer drugs and therapeutic devices within practice as a nurse-midwife.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 151.37, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. A licensed practitioner in the course of professional practice only, may prescribe, administer, and dispense a legend drug, ~~or~~ may cause the same to be administered by a nurse or intern under the practitioner's direction and supervision, and may cause a person who is an appropriately certified and licensed health care professional to prescribe and administer the same within the expressed legal scope of the person's practice as defined in Minnesota Statutes.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 152.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. A licensed doctor of medicine, a doctor of osteopathy, duly licensed to practice medicine, a doctor of dental surgery, or a doctor of dental medicine, or a licensed doctor of podiatry, and in the course of professional practice only, may prescribe, administer, and dispense a controlled substance included in Schedules II through V of section 152.02, ~~or~~ may cause the same to

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be administered by a nurse, an intern or an assistant under the direction and supervision of the doctor, and may cause a person who is an appropriately certified and licensed health care professional to prescribe and administer the same within the expressed legal scope of the person's practice as defined in Minnesota Statutes.

Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.

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CHAPTER 441—H.F.No. 1853

*An act relating to health; clarifying an existing statute that requires insurance plans to cover the services provided by a registered nurse engaged in advanced nursing practice to the same extent that the services would be covered if provided by a physician; including nurse practitioners and clinical specialists in psychiatric or mental health nursing among the roles specifically listed as examples of advanced nursing practice; requiring coverage for routine diagnostic procedures for cancer; amending Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 62A.15, subdivision 3a; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.*

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1986, section 62A.15, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

Subd. 3a. **NURSING SERVICES.** All benefits provided by a policy or contract referred to in subdivision 1, relating to expenses incurred for medical treatment or services of a duly licensed physician must include services provided by a registered nurse who is licensed pursuant to section 148.171 and who is certified by the profession to engage in advanced nursing practice. "Advanced nursing practice" means the performance of health services by professional nurses who have gained additional knowledge and skills through an organized program of study and clinical experience preparing nurses for advanced practice roles as nurse anesthetists ~~or~~ nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, or clinical specialists in psychiatric or mental health nursing. The program of study must be beyond the education required for registered nurse licensure and must meet criteria established by the professional nursing organization having authority to certify the registered nurse in advanced nursing practice, and appear on a list established and maintained by the board of nursing through rulemaking.

This subdivision is intended to provide payment of benefits for treatment and services by a licensed registered nurse certified in advanced nursing practice as defined in this subdivision and is not intended to add to the benefits provided for in these policies or contracts.

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