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To: Public Health and
Welfare

HOUSE BILL NO. 890

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 73-15-5, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 PROVIDE THAT RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE PRACTICE OF NURSE
3 PRACTITIONERS SHALL BE PROMULGATED ONLY BY THE MISSISSIPPI BOARD
4 OF NURSING INSTEAD OF BEING PROMULGATED JOINTLY WITH THE STATE
5 BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. Section 73-15-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:[RF1]

9 73-15-5. (1) Board means the Mississippi Board of Nursing.

10 (2) The practice of nursing by a registered nurse means the
11 performance for compensation of services which require substantial
12 knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, psychological
13 and sociological sciences and of nursing theory as the basis for
14 assessment, diagnosis, planning, intervention and evaluation in
15 the promotion and maintenance of health; management of
16 individuals' responses to illness, injury or infirmity; the
17 restoration of optimum function; or the achievement of a dignified
18 death. Nursing practice includes, but is not limited to,
19 administration, teaching, counseling, delegation and supervision
20 of nursing, and execution of the medical regimen, including the
21 administration of medications and treatments prescribed by any
22 licensed or legally authorized physician or dentist. The

23 foregoing shall not be deemed to include acts of medical diagnosis
24 or prescriptions of medical, therapeutic or corrective measures,
25 except as may be set forth by rules and regulations
26 promulgated * * * and implemented by the Mississippi Board of
27 Nursing.

28 (3) The practice of nursing by a licensed practical nurse
29 means the performance for compensation of services requiring basic
30 knowledge of the biological, physical, behavioral, psychological
31 and sociological sciences and of nursing procedures which do not
32 require the substantial skill, judgment and knowledge required of
33 a registered nurse. These services are performed under the
34 direction of a registered nurse or a licensed physician or
35 licensed dentist and utilize standardized procedures in the
36 observation and care of the ill, injured and infirm; in the
37 maintenance of health; in action to safeguard life and health; and
38 in the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by
39 any licensed physician or licensed dentist authorized by state law
40 to prescribe. On a selected basis, and within safe limits, the
41 role of the licensed practical nurse shall be expanded by the
42 board under its rule-making authority to more complex procedures
43 and settings commensurate with additional preparation and
44 experience.

45 (4) A license means an authorization to practice nursing as
46 a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse designated
47 herein.

48 (5) A registered nurse is a person who is licensed under the
49 provisions of this chapter and who practices nursing as defined
50 herein. "R.N." is the abbreviation for the title of Registered
51 Nurse.

52 (6) A licensed practical nurse is a person who is licensed
53 under this chapter and who practices practical nursing as defined

54 herein. "L.P.N." is the abbreviation for the title of Licensed
55 Practical Nurse.

56 (7) A registered nurse in clinical practice is one who
57 functions in any health care delivery system which provides
58 nursing services.

59 (8) A nurse educator is a registered nurse who meets the
60 criteria for faculty as set forth in a state accredited program of
61 nursing for registered nurses, or a state approved program of
62 nursing for licensed practical nurses, and who functions as a
63 faculty member.

64 (9) A consumer representative is a person representing the
65 interests of the general public, who may use services of a health
66 agency or health professional organization or its members but who
67 is neither a provider of health services, nor employed in the
68 health services field, nor holds a vested interest in the
69 provision of health services at any level, nor has an immediate
70 family member who holds vested interests in the provision of
71 health services at any level.

72 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
73 and after July 1, 2000.