

Sixty-second
Legislative Assembly
of North Dakota

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 1041

Introduced by

Legislative Management

(Long-Term Care Committee)

1 A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 23, subsection 13 to section
2 43-12.1-04, and section 43-12.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to a nurse
3 aide registry, individuals exempt from regulation by the state board of nursing, and supervision
4 of nursing interventions; to amend and reenact subsection 9 of section 43-12.1-02 and section
5 43-12.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to definitions, individuals exempt from
6 regulation by the state board of nursing, and delegation of medication administration; and to
7 provide for application.

8 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

9 **SECTION 1.** A new chapter to title 23 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
10 enacted as follows:

11 **Definitions.**

12 As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions
13 apply:

- 14 1. "Certified nurse aide" means an individual who is registered on the nurse aide registry
15 and who has either successfully completed the requirements for the
16 department-approved training and competency evaluation program or has successfully
17 completed the requirements of the department-approved competency evaluation
18 program.
- 19 2. "Department" means the state department of health.
- 20 3. "Home health aide" means an individual who is registered on the nurse aide registry
21 and who renders personal related service under the supervision of a registered
22 professional nurse.
- 23 4. "Medication assistant" means an individual who is registered on the nurse aide registry
24 and who has successfully completed the requirements of a department-approved

- 1 medication assistant program for a specific employment setting. A medication
2 assistant may be designated a medication assistant I or a medication assistant II.
3 5. "Nurse aide" means an individual who is registered on the nurse aide registry and who
4 has successfully completed the competency requirements identified by the department
5 to provide nursing or nursing-related services to an individual in a health care facility or
6 other setting.
7 6. "Nurse aide registry" means a listing of individuals who the department has
8 determined have successfully completed the requirements established by the
9 department to be designated as certified nurse aide, home health aide, nurse aide, or
10 medication assistant.

11 **Nurse aide registry - Rules.**

- 12 1. The department shall establish and administer a nurse aide registry. The registry must
13 include disciplinary findings, including findings of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation
14 of property, and must include the eligibility of the individual to be employed.
15 2. The health council shall adopt rules to regulate and register an individual who receives
16 compensation for engaging in the provision of nursing or nursing-related services to an
17 individual in a health care facility or other setting. The rules do not apply to a licensed
18 health care professional practicing within the scope of that profession, an unlicensed
19 assistive person under chapter 43-12.1, or a volunteer in the course of providing
20 services without pay. In developing the rules, the health council shall consult with the
21 state board of nursing and other key stakeholders.
22 3. The rules required under subsection 2 must include the regulation of certified nurse
23 aides, home health aides, medication assistants, and nurse aides. For each category
24 of regulated individuals, the rules must address:
25 a. Nurse aide registry requirements;
26 b. Training and competency requirements;
27 c. Approval of training programs;
28 d. Initial registration and renewal of registration of individuals who have met training
29 and competency requirements;
30 e. Reporting and investigation of complaints regarding individuals on the registry;
31 and

1 f. A disciplinary process for a validated finding of abuse, neglect, or
2 misappropriation of resident or client property and for other misconduct that has
3 the potential to be harmful to a resident or client by an individual on the nurse
4 aide registry.

5 4. The department may not charge fees under this chapter for initial registration or
6 renewal of registration of an individual's registration status on the nurse aide registry,
7 consistent with federal prohibition of charging an individual for initial registration or
8 renewal of registration as a certified nurse aide.

9 **SECTION 2. AMENDMENT.** Subsection 9 of section 43-12.1-02 of the North Dakota
10 Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

11 9. "Unlicensed assistive person" means an assistant to the nurse, other than an
12 individual who is registered on the nurse aide registry under section 1 of this Act, who
13 regardless of title is authorized by the board to perform nursing interventions
14 delegated and supervised by a nurse.

15 **SECTION 3.** Subsection 13 to section 43-12.1-04 of the North Dakota Century Code is
16 created and enacted as follows:

17 13. An individual who is registered on the nurse aide registry under section 1 of this Act,
18 including a certified nurse aide, home health aide, nurse aide, and medication
19 assistant.

20 **SECTION 4. AMENDMENT.** Section 43-12.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code is
21 amended and reenacted as follows:

22 **43-12.1-16. Delegation of medication administration.**

23 A licensed nurse may delegate medication administration to a person exempt under
24 ~~subsections~~ subsections 9 and 13 of section 43-12.1-04.

25 **SECTION 5.** Section 43-12.1-16.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and
26 enacted as follows:

27 **43-12.1-16.1. Supervision and delegation of nursing interventions.**

28 A nurse may supervise and delegate nursing interventions to an individual exempt under
29 subsection 13 of section 43-12.1-04.

30 **SECTION 6. APPLICATION.** The state department of health shall implement and
31 administer the registration of unlicensed assistive persons as provided under section 2 of this

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- 1 Act within the limits of the budget requested by the department. The department may not add
- 2 any full-time equivalent positions to assist with the implementation and administration of the
- 3 registration of unlicensed assistive persons.