

## CHAPTER 195

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**PROFESSIONS AND OCCUPATIONS**

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**HOUSE BILL 94-1081**

BY REPRESENTATIVES Entz, Acquafresca, Benavidez, Blue, DeGette, Eisenach, Friednash, George, Greenwood, Kerns, Knox, Mattingly, Nichol, Ratterree, Reeser, Rupert, Snyder, Strom, Tucker, and Wright;  
also SENATORS Johnson, Feeley, Lacy, Mares, Mutzebaugh, Peterson, L. Powers, Ruddick, and Traylor.

**AN ACT****CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF THE ADVANCED PRACTICE OF NURSING BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING, AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** Article 38 of title 12, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1991 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

**12-38-111.5. Requirements for advanced practice nurse registration - legislative declaration - definition - advanced practice registry.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HEREBY RECOGNIZES THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS PRACTICING PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE HAVE ACQUIRED ADDITIONAL PREPARATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE AND HEREBY DETERMINES THAT IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE STATE TO MAINTAIN A REGISTRY OF SUCH INDIVIDUALS. SUCH REGISTRY SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE "ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY".

(2) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE" MEANS A PROFESSIONAL NURSE WHO IS LICENSED TO PRACTICE PURSUANT TO THIS ARTICLE, WHO OBTAINS SPECIALIZED EDUCATION OR TRAINING AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AND WHO APPLIES TO AND IS ACCEPTED BY THE BOARD FOR INCLUSION IN THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY.

(3) THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY AND SHALL REQUIRE THAT A NURSE APPLYING FOR REGISTRATION IDENTIFY SUCH NURSE'S AREA OF SPECIALTY. THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH REASONABLE CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION OF SPECIFIC SPECIALTIES BASED ON CURRENTLY ACCEPTED PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. A NURSE WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY HAS THE RIGHT TO USE THE TITLE "ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE" OR, IF AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD, TO USE THE TITLE "CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIFE",

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*Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.*

"CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST", "CERTIFIED NURSE ANESTHETIST", OR "NURSE PRACTITIONER". THESE TITLES MAY BE ABBREVIATED AS "A.P.N.", "C.N.M.", "C.N.S.", "C.R.N.A.", OR "N.P.", RESPECTIVELY. IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO USE ANY OF THE TITLES OR ABBREVIATIONS LISTED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3) UNLESS INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRY AND AUTHORIZED BY THE BOARD TO DO SO.

(4) (a) A NURSE WHO IS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, AS DEFINED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, MAY REGISTER WITH THE BOARD ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1995, WITHOUT MEETING THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH (b) OR (c) OF THIS SUBSECTION (4). NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 1994, THE BOARD SHALL ESTABLISH REASONABLE STANDARDS FOR REGISTRATION PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (a). SUCH STANDARDS SHALL BE BASED ON CURRENTLY ACCEPTED PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. THE BOARD MAY RECOGNIZE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE OBTAINED BY PERSONS SEEKING TO REGISTER PURSUANT TO THIS PARAGRAPH (a) IF SUCH EDUCATION OR EXPERIENCE IS DIRECTLY RELEVANT TO ADVANCED PRACTICE ALTHOUGH NOT PART OF A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED PROGRAM.

(b) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 1995, UNTIL JULY 1, 2008, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY SHALL INCLUDE THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PREPARATION AS AN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE OR A PASSING SCORE ON A CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION OF A NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ACCREDITING AGENCY, OR BOTH, IF APPLICABLE, AS DEFINED IN RULES ADOPTED BY THE BOARD.

(c) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2008, THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION IN THE ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTRY SHALL INCLUDE THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A GRADUATE DEGREE IN THE APPROPRIATE SPECIALTY; EXCEPT THAT INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRY AS OF JUNE 30, 2008, BUT HAVE NOT SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED SUCH DEGREE, MAY THEREAFTER CONTINUE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REGISTRY AND TO USE THE APPROPRIATE TITLE AND ABBREVIATION.

**SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the division of registrations cash fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of regulatory agencies for allocation to the division of registrations, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994, the sum of fifty-seven thousand four hundred one dollars (\$57,401) and 0.7 FTE, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

(2) In addition to any other appropriation, there is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the division of registrations cash fund not otherwise appropriated, to the department of law, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1994, the sum of two thousand one hundred forty-five dollars (\$2,145), or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the implementation of this act.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 19, 1994