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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5922**

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**By** Senate Committee on Health & Human Services (originally sponsored by Senators Snyder, Deccio, Vognild and Newhouse)

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1 AN ACT Relating to the use of controlled substances by advanced  
2 registered nurse practitioners, certified nurse anesthetists; amending  
3 RCW 18.88.280; adding a new section to chapter 18.88 RCW; and declaring  
4 an emergency.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.88.280 and 1989 c 114 s 7 are each amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 This chapter shall not be construed as (1) prohibiting the  
9 incidental care of the sick by domestic servants or persons primarily  
10 employed as housekeepers, so long as they do not practice professional  
11 nursing within the meaning of this chapter, (2) or preventing any  
12 person from the domestic administration of family remedies or the  
13 furnishing of nursing assistance in case of emergency; (3) nor shall it  
14 be construed as prohibiting such practice of nursing by students  
15 enrolled in approved schools as may be incidental to their course of  
16 study nor shall it prohibit such students working as nursing aides; (4)  
17 nor shall it be construed as prohibiting auxiliary services provided by  
18 persons carrying out duties necessary for the support of nursing  
19 service including those duties which involve minor nursing services for

1 persons performed in hospitals, nursing homes or elsewhere under the  
2 direction of licensed physicians or the supervision of licensed,  
3 registered nurses; (5) nor shall it be construed as prohibiting or  
4 preventing the practice of nursing in this state by any legally  
5 qualified nurse of another state or territory whose engagement requires  
6 him or her to accompany and care for a patient temporarily residing in  
7 this state during the period of one such engagement, not to exceed six  
8 months in length, if such person does not represent or hold himself or  
9 herself out as a nurse licensed to practice in this state; (6) nor  
10 shall it be construed as prohibiting nursing or care of the sick, with  
11 or without compensation, when done in connection with the practice of  
12 the religious tenets of any church by adherents thereof so long as they  
13 do not engage in the practice of nursing as defined in this chapter;  
14 (7) nor shall it be construed as prohibiting the practice of any  
15 legally qualified nurse of another state who is employed by the United  
16 States government or any bureau, division or agency thereof, while in  
17 the discharge of his or her official duties; (8) permitting the  
18 measurement of the powers or range of human vision, or the  
19 determination of the accommodation and refractive state of the human  
20 eye or the scope of its functions in general, or the fitting or  
21 adaptation of lenses or frames for the aid thereof; (9) permitting the  
22 prescribing or directing the use of, or using, any optical device in  
23 connection with ocular exercises, visual training, vision training or  
24 orthoptics; (10) permitting the prescribing of contact lenses for, or  
25 the fitting or adaptation of contact lenses to, the human eye; (11)  
26 prohibiting the performance of routine visual screening; (12)  
27 permitting the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene as defined in  
28 chapters 18.32 and 18.29 RCW respectively; (13) permitting the practice  
29 of chiropractic as defined in chapter 18.25 RCW including the  
30 adjustment or manipulation of the articulations of the spine; (14)  
31 permitting the practice of (~~podiatry~~) podiatric medicine and surgery  
32 as defined in chapter 18.22 RCW; (15) permitting the performance of  
33 major surgery, except such minor surgery as the board may have  
34 specifically authorized by rule or regulation duly adopted in  
35 accordance with the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW; (16) permitting  
36 the prescribing of controlled substances as defined in schedules I  
37 through IV of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW,  
38 except as provided in subsection (18) of this section; (17) prohibiting  
39 the determination and pronouncement of death; (18) prohibiting advanced

1 registered nurse practitioners, approved by the board as certified  
2 registered nurse anesthetists from selecting, ordering, or  
3 administering controlled substances as defined in schedules II through  
4 IV of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW,  
5 consistent with their board-recognized scope of practice; subject to  
6 facility-specific protocols, and subject to a request for certified  
7 registered nurse anesthetist anesthesia services issued by a physician  
8 licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician and surgeon  
9 licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, a dentist licensed under chapter  
10 18.32 RCW, or a podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under chapter  
11 18.22 RCW; the authority to select, order, or administer schedule II  
12 through IV controlled substances being limited to those drugs which are  
13 to be directly administered to patients who require anesthesia for  
14 diagnostic, operative, obstetrical, or therapeutic procedures in a  
15 hospital, clinic, ambulatory surgical facility, or the office of a  
16 practitioner licensed under chapter 18.71, 18.57, 18.32, or 18.22 RCW;  
17 "select" meaning the decision-making process of choosing a drug,  
18 dosage, route, and time of administration; and "order" meaning the  
19 process of directing licensed individuals pursuant to their statutory  
20 authority to directly administer a drug or to dispense, deliver, or  
21 distribute a drug for the purpose of direct administration to a  
22 patient, pursuant to instructions of the certified registered nurse  
23 anesthetist.

24 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. A new section is added to chapter 18.88 RCW  
25 to read as follows:

26 For the purposes of this chapter, "protocol" means a statement  
27 regarding practice and documentation concerning such items as  
28 categories of patients, categories of medications, or categories of  
29 procedures rather than detailed case-specific formulas for the practice  
30 of nurse anesthesia.

31 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate  
32 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
33 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
34 effect immediately.

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