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HOUSE BILL 1809

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By Representatives Dyer and Dickerson

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1 AN ACT Relating to naturopath's authority to give direction to  
2 persons licensed under chapter 18.79 RCW; and amending RCW 18.79.260  
3 and 18.79.270.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 18.79.260 and 1994 1st sp.s. c 9 s 426 are each  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 A registered nurse under his or her license may perform for  
8 compensation nursing care, as that term is usually understood, of the  
9 ill, injured, or infirm, and in the course thereof, she or he may do  
10 the following things that shall not be done by a person not so  
11 licensed, except as provided in RCW 18.79.270:

12 (1) At or under the general direction of a licensed physician and  
13 surgeon, dentist, osteopathic physician and surgeon, naturopathic  
14 physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, physician assistant,  
15 osteopathic physician assistant, or advanced registered nurse  
16 practitioner acting within the scope of his or her license, administer  
17 medications, treatments, tests, and inoculations, whether or not the  
18 severing or penetrating of tissues is involved and whether or not a  
19 degree of independent judgment and skill is required;

1 (2) Delegate to other persons engaged in nursing, the functions  
2 outlined in subsection (1) of this section;

3 (3) Instruct nurses in technical subjects pertaining to nursing;

4 (4) Hold herself or himself out to the public or designate herself  
5 or himself as a registered nurse.

6 **Sec. 2.** RCW 18.79.270 and 1994 1st sp.s. c 9 s 427 are each  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 A licensed practical nurse under his or her license may perform  
9 nursing care, as that term is usually understood, of the ill, injured,  
10 or infirm, and in the course thereof may, under the direction of a  
11 licensed physician and surgeon, osteopathic physician and surgeon,  
12 dentist, naturopathic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon,  
13 physician assistant, osteopathic physician assistant, advanced  
14 registered nurse practitioner acting under the scope of his or her  
15 license, or at the direction and under the supervision of a registered  
16 nurse, administer drugs, medications, treatments, tests, injections,  
17 and inoculations, whether or not the piercing of tissues is involved  
18 and whether or not a degree of independent judgment and skill is  
19 required, when selected to do so by one of the licensed practitioners  
20 designated in this section, or by a registered nurse who need not be  
21 physically present; if the order given is reduced to writing within a  
22 reasonable time and made a part of the patient's record.

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