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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; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

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

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

1 registered nurse anesthetists from selecting, ordering, or
2 administering controlled substances as defined in schedules II through
3 IV of the Uniform Controlled Substances Act, chapter 69.50 RCW,
4 consistent with their board-recognized scope of practice; subject to
5 facility-specific protocols, and subject to a request for certified
6 registered nurse anesthetist anesthesia services issued by a physician
7 licensed under chapter 18.71 RCW, an osteopathic physician and surgeon
8 licensed under chapter 18.57 RCW, a dentist licensed under chapter
9 18.32 RCW, or a podiatric physician and surgeon licensed under chapter
10 18.22 RCW; the authority to select, order, or administer schedule II
11 through IV controlled substances being limited to those drugs which are
12 to be directly administered to patients within health care facilities
13 as defined in RCW 70.38.025(6); "select" meaning the decision-making
14 process of choosing a drug, dosage, route, and time of administration;
15 and "order" meaning the process of ordering qualified individuals to
16 directly administer a drug or to dispense, deliver, or distribute a
17 drug for the purpose of direct administration to a patient, pursuant to
18 instructions of the certified registered nurse anesthetist.

19 NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
21 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
22 effect immediately.

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