

PRACTICAL NURSE LAW - VIOLATIONS  
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AN ACT

Amending the act of March 2, 1956 (1955 P.L.1211, No.376),  
entitled "An act providing for and regulating the licensing  
and practice of practical nursing; imposing duties on the  
State Board of Nurse Examiners; and imposing penalties,"  
further providing for violations.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 14 of the act of March 2, 1956 (1955  
P.L.1211, No.376), known as the Practical Nurse Law, amended  
December 20, 1985 (P.L.423, No.110), is amended to read:

Section 14. Violations.--(a) Except as otherwise herein  
provided, it shall be unlawful for any person, association,  
partnership, corporation or institution, after the effective  
date of this act, to

(1) Furnish, sell or obtain by fraud or misrepresentation  
a record of any qualification required for a license, or aid  
or abet therein;

(2) Use in connection with his or her name the words **nurse**,  
practical nurse, licensed practical nurse, or the letters "PN,"  
or "LPN," or any designation tending to imply that he or she  
is a practical nurse, or licensed practical nurse, unless he  
or she is duly licensed to so practice under the provisions of  
this act, **except that the title "nurse" also may be used by a  
person registered under the provisions of the act of May 22,  
1951 (P.L.317, No.69) , known as "The Professional Nursing Law";**

(3) Practice practical nursing during the time his or her  
license issued under the provisions of this act is suspended  
or revoked;

(4) Practice practical nursing without a valid current  
license;

(5) To transfer, offer to transfer, or permit the use by  
another of any license issued under this act;

(6) To aid or abet any person to violate any provision of  
this act;

(7) Otherwise violate any of the provisions of this act.

**(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), this section shall not  
prohibit the use by a person of a descriptive title for nurse  
assistive personnel. For the purposes of this subsection, the  
term "nurse assistive personnel" shall mean an individual  
providing health care services under the supervision of a  
professional or practical nurse.**

Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED--The 8th day of May, A.D. 2012.

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