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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, NOVEMBER 16, 2011

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317, No.69), entitled, as
2 amended, "An act relating to the practice of professional
3 nursing; providing for the licensing of nurses and for the
4 revocation and suspension of such licenses, subject to
5 appeal, and for their reinstatement; providing for the
6 renewal of such licenses; regulating nursing in general;
7 prescribing penalties and repealing certain laws," further
8 providing for use of title.

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

1 Section 1. Section 3 of the act of May 22, 1951 (P.L.317,
2 No.69), known as The Professional Nursing Law, amended July 20,
3 2007 (P.L.320, No.49), is amended to read:

4 Section 3. Registered Nurse, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Use
5 of Title and Abbreviation "R.N." or "C.N.S."; Credentials;

6 Fraud.--(a) Any person who holds a license to practice
7 professional nursing in this Commonwealth, or who is maintained
8 on inactive status in accordance with section 11 of this act,
9 shall have the right to use the [title] titles "nurse" and
10 "registered nurse" and the abbreviation "R.N." No other person
11 shall engage in the practice of professional nursing or use the
12 [title] titles "nurse" or "registered nurse" or the abbreviation
13 "R.N." to indicate that the person using the same is a
14 registered nurse[.], except that the title "nurse" also may be
15 used by a person licensed under the provisions of the act of
16 March 2, 1956 (1955 P.L.1211, No.376), known as the "Practical
17 Nurse Law." No person shall sell or fraudulently obtain or
18 fraudulently furnish any nursing diploma, license, record, or
19 registration or aid or abet therein.

20 (b) An individual who holds a license to practice
21 professional nursing in this Commonwealth who meets the
22 requirements under sections 6.2 and 8.5 of this act to be a
23 clinical nurse specialist shall have the right to use the title
24 "clinical nurse specialist" and the abbreviation "C.N.S." No
25 other person shall have that right.

26 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (A), THIS SECTION SHALL NOT
27 PROHIBIT THE USE BY A PERSON OF A DESCRIPTIVE TITLE FOR NURSE
28 ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
29 TERM "NURSE ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL" SHALL MEAN AN INDIVIDUAL
30 PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF A



1 PROFESSIONAL OR PRACTICAL NURSE.

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