

Chicago Chapter National Black Nurses Association (CCNBNA) supports a clear and concise Nurse Practice Act (NPA). Confusing language in the 2017 NPA can be corrected by **Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 339 Amendment 1**

BACKGROUND & RATIONALE:

The dismantling of the registered nurse (RN) scope of practice began with the 2014 pilot study law Licensed Medication Aide Provision 80 proposed by ANA-Illinois and the long-term care industry. It allows an RN to delegate the complex nursing responsibility of medication administration to a licensed medication aide in the nursing home setting.

ANA-Illinois' pilot study purpose was to collect data on the safety of RN delegation of medication administration to non-nurses, the licensed medication aide. The Pilot study started June 30th, 2016 and to end Jun 30th, 2019, then the data would be evaluated. Today, there is no data to support RN delegating medication administration to non-nurses.

Nonetheless ANA-Illinois *without any data from the Pilot study evaluating minimally trained individuals to administer medications as delegated by the RN in nursing homes, created yet another untested medication aide model* resulting in the 2017 NPA changes allowing RNs to delegate medication administration to an **unlicensed person** in the community and home settings. **CCNBNA has consistently opposed the language dismantling the RN scope of practice.**

CCNBNA believes in evidence based nursing practice. Thus, **any changes** in the 2017 NPA scope of RN practice by delegation of medication administration to non-nurses is not only premature but may add risk to public health and safety.

The 2017 NPA language for RN scope of practice is now unclear and inconsistent by removing: 1) "medication administration" in the definition of RN and 2) eliminated the definition of "task" which means work that does not require nursing knowledge, judgment or decision making.

The only definition of work in the 2017 NPA to be delegated by a RN to others is "nursing intervention defined as any treatment based on clinical nursing judgement or knowledge that a nurse performs to unlicensed persons".

2017 Nurse Practice Act culminated in changes of RN scope of practice to delegate nursing to non-nurses!

REMEDY OF SB 339 AMENDMENT 1:

- Reinstated into the definition of registered nursing the responsibility of administration of medications;
- Reinstated definition of "task" work not requiring nursing knowledge, judgment or decision making for unlicensed persons;
- Add "selected nursing tasks" to be defined in the Rules to ensure public safety in registered nurse delegation in the community and in-home settings;
- Terminate the Long-Term Care Medication Aide Pilot in June 2019.

CCNBNA requests you ask the senators in the Licensed Activities and Pension Committee to pass SB 339 A1 out of the Committee; then ask your Senator to support SB 339 than lobby your House Representative. *Check the bill's status as it progresses through the Senate or House so you lobby the appropriate legislator!*

SB 339 Amendment 001 (A1) full text is found at:

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/fulltext.asp?DocName=10000SB0339sam001&GA=100&SessionId=91&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=100279&DocNum=339&GAID=14&Session=>

SB 339 A1 was assigned to Senate Licensed Activities and Pension Committee. Their contact info of Committee <http://www.ilga.gov/senate/committees/members.asp?CommitteeID=1923> Find your legislator info below!

Senate 339 Amendment 1 bill status: Check this link to see where SB 339 A1 is in the Senate or House <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=339&GAID=14&GA=100&DocTypeId=SB&LegID=100279&SessionID=91>

Please ask your individual state Senator and House of Representative to support SB 339 A1 - Restore safety.

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