

Sponsor Statement for SB 283

Regulation Of Nursing

An Act relating to temporary permits and licenses by endorsement issued by the Board of Nursing; and relating to the delegation of nursing duties.

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SB 283 is submitted at the request of the state Board of Nursing. It will reconcile current nursing industry standards with Alaska state law and maintain efficient management of licensed nurses in our state.

Specifically, it does the following:

- 1) codifies the authority of licensed nurses to delegate certain basic tasks to unlicensed assistive personnel;
- 2) extends the duration of a temporary nursing license from 4 to 6 months; and
- 3) updates the statutory language authorizing the issuance of licenses by endorsement.

These statutory adjustments are the result of diligent efforts by the state Board of Nursing. It would serve to tighten, clarify, and improve their ability to regulate and manage the delivery of safe and effective health care to the citizens of Alaska. There is no known opposition to or negative impact of these adjustments.

Please support the state Board of Nursing by enacting this beneficial legislation