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## SENATE BILL No. 322

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DIGEST OF SB 322 (Updated January 26, 2000 2:15 PM - DI 98)

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-23.

**Synopsis:** State board of nursing. Amends the continuing education requirements for advanced practice nurses to renew their authority to prescribe legend drugs.

**Effective:** July 1, 2000.

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January 10, 2000, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Provider Services.  
January 27, 2000, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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Second Regular Session 111th General Assembly (2000)

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## SENATE BILL No. 322

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-19.5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: Sec. 19.5. (a) The board  
3 shall establish a program under which advanced practice nurses who  
4 meet the requirements established by the board are authorized to  
5 prescribe legend drugs, including controlled substances (as defined in  
6 IC 35-48-1).

7 (b) The authority granted by the board under this section:  
8 (1) ~~shall be granted initially to an advanced practice nurse for two~~  
9 ~~(2) years expires on October 31 of the odd-numbered year~~  
10 **following the year the authority was granted or renewed**; and  
11 (2) is subject to renewal indefinitely for successive periods of two  
12 (2) years.

13 (c) The rules adopted under section 7 of this chapter concerning the  
14 authority of advanced practice nurses to prescribe legend drugs must  
15 do the following:

16 (1) Require an advanced practice nurse or a prospective advanced  
17 practice nurse who seeks the authority to submit an application to

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1 the board.

2 (2) Require, as a prerequisite to the initial granting of the  
3 authority, the successful completion by the applicant of a graduate  
4 level course in pharmacology providing at least two (2) semester  
5 hours of academic credit.

6 (3) Require, as a condition of the renewal of the authority, the  
7 completion by the advanced practice nurse ~~during the two (2)~~  
8 ~~years immediately preceding the renewal of the authority of at~~  
9 ~~least thirty (30) hours of continuing education; at least (8) hours~~  
10 ~~of which must be in pharmacology of the continuing education~~  
11 ~~requirements set out in section 19.7 of this chapter.~~

12 SECTION 2. IC 25-23-1-19.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
13 CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2000]: **Sec. 19.7. (a) This subsection applies**  
15 **to an applicant for renewal who has never received a renewal of**  
16 **prescriptive authority under section 19.5 of this chapter and whose**  
17 **prescriptive authority has never lapsed. If the applicant was**  
18 **initially granted prescriptive authority:**

19 (1) less than twelve (12) months before the expiration date of  
20 the prescriptive authority, no continuing education is  
21 required; or

22 (2) at least twelve (12) months before the expiration date of  
23 the prescriptive authority, the applicant shall submit proof to  
24 the board that the applicant has successfully completed at  
25 least fifteen (15) contact hours of continuing education. The  
26 hours must:

27 (A) be completed after the prescriptive authority was  
28 granted and before the expiration of the prescriptive  
29 authority;

30 (B) include at least four (4) contact hours of  
31 pharmacology; and

32 (C) be approved by a nationally approved sponsor of  
33 continuing education for nurses, approved by the board,  
34 and listed by the health professions bureau as approved  
35 hours.

36 (b) This subsection applies to an applicant for renewal of  
37 prescriptive authority under section 19.5 of this chapter who is not  
38 described in subsection (a). The applicant shall submit proof to the  
39 board that the applicant has successfully completed at least thirty  
40 (30) contact hours of continuing education. The hours must:

41 (1) be completed within the two (2) years immediately  
42 preceding the renewal;



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1           **(2) include at least eight (8) contact hours of pharmacology;**  
2           **and**  
3           **(3) be approved by a nationally approved sponsor of**  
4           **continuing education for nurses, be approved by the board,**  
5           **and be listed by the health professions bureau as approved**  
6           **hours.**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 322, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to Senate Bill 322 as introduced.)

MILLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0.

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