

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 904
HOUSE BILL 1216

AN ACT TO ENABLE REGISTERED AND LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES TO CARRY OUT THE ORDERS OF PHYSICIANS' ASSISTANTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 90-18.1, as the same appears in the 1975 Cumulative Supplement to the General Statutes, is amended by adding a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Any such person approved by the Board of Medical Examiners may order the administration of medications and treatment by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse in accordance with regulations adopted by the board and under written standing orders of the supervising physician previously made available to such registered nurse or licensed practical nurse. The supervising physician shall be held personally responsible for any and all oral or written standing orders duly performed by a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse at the direction of a physician's assistant or nurse practitioner."

Sec. 2. G.S. 90-158(3)a, as the same appears in Volume 2C of the General Statutes, is amended by deleting the period after the words "or dentist" where they appear in line 8 of such subdivision and adding the following:

"or any registered nurse or assistant to a physician when authorized under the provisions of G.S. 90-18.1."

Sec. 3. G.S. 90-158(3)b, as the same appears in Volume 2C of the General Statutes, is amended to add after the word and punctuation "dentist," in line 9 the following:

"or any registered nurse or assistant to a physician when authorized under the provisions of G.S. 90-18.1,"

Sec. 4. G.S. 90-167, as the same appears in Volume 2C of the General Statutes, is amended by adding the following paragraph at the end thereof:

"Nothing in this Article shall be construed in any way to prohibit or limit the performance of any registered nurse who is approved to perform medical acts under the provisions of Article 1 of this Chapter."

Sec. 5. This act shall become effective upon ratification.

Sec. 6. The provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 1978.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.