

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1286

Short Title: Christian Science Nurs'g/Nursing Practice Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative M. Alexander.

Referred to: Health, if favorable, Judiciary I.

April 9, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ALLOWING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSES TO PRACTICE CHRISTIAN
3 SCIENCE NURSING UNDER THE LAWS REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF
4 NURSING.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 90-171.43 is amended by adding the following new subdivision
7 to read:

8 "No person shall practice or offer to practice as a registered nurse or licensed practical
9 nurse, or use the word "nurse" as a title for herself or himself, or use an abbreviation to indicate
10 that the person is a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse, unless the person is currently
11 licensed as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse as provided by this Article. If the word
12 "nurse" is part of a longer title, such as "nurse's aide", a person who is entitled to use that title
13 shall use the entire title and may not abbreviate the title to "nurse". This Article shall not,
14 however, be construed to prohibit or limit the following:

15 ...

16 (6) The practice of Christian Science nursing by a Christian Science nurse, who
17 may only refer to herself or himself as a 'Christian Science Nurse'. For
18 purposes of this subdivision, a Christian Science nurse is an experienced
19 Christian Scientist who is prepared to give spiritual support and skillful
20 physical care consistent with the theology of Christian Science. Christian
21 Science nursing includes practical care, such as bathing, dressing wounds,
22 assistance with mobility, preparation and modification of food and assistance
23 with feeding, and spiritual encouragement and communication. Christian
24 Science nursing does not include any form of medical treatment, such as
25 diagnosis, prognosis, physical therapy, or the administering of medication."

26 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.



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