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By: **Senator Eckardt**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations – Nurses – Delegation of Tasks**

3 FOR the purpose of providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded
4 from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain
5 circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not
6 precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an
7 unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of
8 Nursing to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to nurses delegating
9 nursing and other technical tasks.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article – Health Occupations
12 Section 8–6A–02
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Health Occupations**

18 8–6A–02.

19 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, an individual shall be certified
20 by the Board to practice as a nursing assistant or medication technician before the

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 individual may practice as a nursing assistant or medication technician in the State.

2 (b) This subtitle does not apply to an individual who:

3 (1) Practices a health occupation that the individual is authorized to
4 practice under this article;

5 (2) Provides for the gratuitous care of friends, domestic partners, or family
6 members;

7 (3) Performs nursing assistant tasks while a nursing student enrolled in
8 an accredited nursing program and practicing under the direct supervision of qualified
9 faculty or preceptors;

10 (4) Performs nursing assistant tasks as a student while:

11 (i) Enrolled in a Board-approved nursing assistant training
12 program; and

13 (ii) Practicing under the direct supervision of qualified faculty or
14 preceptors;

15 (5) Performs medication technician tasks as a student while practicing
16 under the direct supervision of qualified faculty; or

17 (6) Works as a principal or school secretary, does not administer
18 medication as a routine part of the position, and has completed training by the delegating
19 nurse for the occasion where the individual may need to administer medication in the
20 absence of the nurse or medication technician.

21 (c) Nothing in this section shall preclude a registered nurse or licensed practical
22 nurse from delegating a nursing **OR OTHER TECHNICAL** task to an unlicensed individual
23 provided that acceptance of delegated nursing **OR OTHER TECHNICAL** tasks does not
24 become a routine part of the unlicensed individual's job duties.

25 **(D) (1) SUBJECT TO REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER**
26 **PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THIS SECTION DOES NOT PRECLUDE AN**
27 **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE FROM DELEGATING A NURSING OR**
28 **OTHER TECHNICAL TASK TO AN ASSISTANT IF:**

29 **(I) THE ASSISTANT PERFORMS ONLY TASKS THAT THE**
30 **ASSISTANT IS TRAINED TO PERFORM; AND**

31 **(II) THE DELEGATING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED**
32 **NURSE PROVIDES:**

1 1. **INSTRUCTION TO THE ASSISTANT ON THE DELEGATED**
2 **TASK; AND**

3 2. **ON-SITE SUPERVISION OF THE ASSISTANT**
4 **PERFORMING THE DELEGATED TASK.**

5 **(2) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS**
6 **SUBSECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS THAT:**

7 **(I) PROVIDE FOR THE MANNER IN WHICH AN ADVANCED**
8 **PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE DELEGATES A NURSING OR OTHER TECHNICAL TASK**
9 **TO AN ASSISTANT;**

10 **(II) ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS ON THE AUTHORITY OF AN**
11 **ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE TO DELEGATE NURSING OR OTHER**
12 **TECHNICAL TASKS TO AN ASSISTANT; AND**

13 **(III) OTHERWISE CLARIFY THE SCOPE OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
15 1, 2021.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.