

# House Research Act Summary

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## Overview

This act modifies the Nurse Practice Act.

### Section

- 1**      **Assignment.** Amends §148.171, by adding subd. 3a. Defines the term “assignment” as designation of nursing tasks to be performed by another nurse or unlicensed assistive person.
- 2**      **Delegation.** Amends §148.171, by adding subd. 7a. Defines “delegation” as a transfer of authority to another nurse or a competent unlicensed assistive person to perform a specific task in a specific situation.
- 3**      **Intervention.** Amends §148.171, by adding subd. 7b. Defines “intervention” as an act done to enhance a patient’s health outcome.
- 4**      **Monitoring.** Amends §148.171, by adding subd. 8a. Defines “monitoring” as periodic inspection of a delegated or assigned nursing task.
- 5**      **Patient.** Amends §148.171, by adding subd. 12a. Defines “patient” as a recipient of nursing care, including an individual, family, group, or community.
- 6**      **Practice of practical nursing.** Amends §148.171, subd. 14. Defines the “practice of practical nursing” as services that incorporate caring for patients in all settings at the direction of a registered nurse, advanced practice registered nurse, or other licensed health care provider. Lists the types of services included in the practice of practical nursing.
- 7**      **Practice of professional nursing.** Amends §148.171, subd. 15. Defines the “practice of professional nursing” as services that incorporate caring for patients in all settings. Lists the types of services included in the practice of professional nursing.

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- 8**        **Supervision.** Amends §148.171, by adding subd. 23. Defines “supervision” as guidance by a registered nurse in order to accomplish a nursing task or activity.
- 9**        **Unlicensed assistive personnel.** Amends §148.171, by adding subd. 24. Defines this term as any unlicensed person to whom nursing tasks or activities may be delegated or assigned.
- 10**       **Exemptions.** Amends §148.271. Strikes the term “nursing assistant” and inserts “unlicensed assistive person.”
- 11**       **Repealer.** Paragraph (a) repeals §148.171, subd. 12 (definition of nursing assistant).  
Paragraph (b) repeals Minnesota Rules, part 6321.0100 (definitions of monitoring and supervision).