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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill redefines terms in the Nurse Practice Act.

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- 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 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

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types of services included in the practice of professional nursing.

- 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 insert “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).