

**WORKING DRAFT**

SENATE FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Nursing licensure.

Sponsored by: Joint Labor, Health and Social Services  
Interim Committee.

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming Nursing Practice Act;  
2 authorizing certification of properly trained geriatric and  
3 medication assistants as specified; authorizing additional  
4 certification of licensed practical nurses as specified;  
5 providing definitions; granting rulemaking authority to the  
6 board of nursing; and providing for an effective date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-21-120(a) by creating new  
11 paragraph (xii) and W.S. 33-21-122(c)(xxiii) are amended to  
12 read:

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14 (a) As used in this act:

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1           (xii) "Geriatric assistant" means a certified  
2 nursing assistant additionally trained and certified by the  
3 board to provide specialized tasks and services for  
4 residents of nursing care facilities;

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6           (xiii) "Medication assistant" mean a certified  
7 nursing assistant additionally trained and certified by the  
8 board to administer oral, topical or transdermal  
9 medications to residents or patients in health care  
10 facilities;

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12           ~~(xii)~~ (xiv) "This act" means W.S. 33-21-119  
13 through 33-21-157.

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15           **33-21-122. Board of nursing; powers and duties.**

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17           (c) Without limiting the foregoing, the board of  
18 nursing may do the following:

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20           (xxiii) By board rule and regulation, regulate  
21 the qualifications, certification, recertification,  
22 examination and discipline of nursing assistant and nurse  
23 aides, geriatric assistants and medication assistants. For  
24 purposes of carrying out this paragraph, fingerprints and

1 other information necessary for a criminal history record  
2 background check pursuant to W.S. 7-19-201 shall be  
3 provided to the board. Board rules and regulations under  
4 this paragraph shall be no more stringent than federal  
5 rules and regulations.

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7 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2005.

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