

**TITLE 3: HUMAN RESOURCES**  
**DIVISION 2: HEALTH**

**§ 2317. Exemptions.**

No provision in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit the following:

(a) The practice of nursing that is an integral part of a program by students enrolled in board-approved nursing education programs;

(b) The rendering of assistance by anyone in the case of an emergency or disaster;

(c) The practice of any currently licensed Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Certified Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse of another state in the provision of nursing care in the case of an emergency or disaster;

(d) The incidental care of the sick by members of the family, friends, domestic servants or persons primarily employed as housekeepers, provided that such care does not constitute the practice of nursing within the meaning of this chapter;

(e) Caring of the sick in accordance with tenets or practices of any church or religious denomination which teaches reliance upon spiritual means for healing;

(f) The practice of any currently licensed Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Certified Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse of another state who is employed by the United States government, or any bureau, division or agency thereof, while in the discharge of official duties;

(g) The practice of any currently licensed Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Certified Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse of another state who is employed by an individual, agency or corporation located in another state and whose employment responsibilities include transporting patients into, out of, or through the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

(h) The practice of any currently licensed Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Certified Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse of another state who provides or attends educational programs or provides consultative services within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for a period not to exceed 90 days. Neither the education nor consultation may include the provision of patient care, the direction of patient care, or the affecting of patient care policies;

(i) The establishment of an independent practice by one or more licensed nurses for the purpose of rendering to patients nursing services within the scope of their educational preparation and the scope of the license to practice nursing;

(j) The practice of any other occupation or profession licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, provided that such care does not constitute the practice of nursing within the meaning of this chapter;

(k) The practice of nursing as a Registered Nurse or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse of a person currently licensed in another state or territory who is visiting the Commonwealth as a non-resident, in order to provide specific, non-clinical, short term, time limited services including, but not limited to, consulta-

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tion, accreditation site visits, and participation in continuing education programs;  
or

(1) The practice of nursing by a Registered Nurse, Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse, Certified Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse currently licensed in another jurisdiction whose employment by a resident of the Northern Mariana Islands requires the nurse to accompany and care for that resident while in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for a period not to exceed 45 days.

**Source:** PL 14-62, § 2 (2317).