

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR LPNS  
IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE ALASKA BOARD OF NURSING

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Board of Nursing proposes to change regulations introducing a standard scope of practice for licensed practical nurses.

The Board of Nursing (Board) proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 12 of the Alaska Administrative Code adopting a scope of practice for licensed practical nurses to align with the national standards, including the following:

1. **12 AAC 44.136** is proposed as a new section to the chapter under which it is proposed to adopt by reference the Standards of Practice of the National Association of Licensed Practical Nurses aligning the scope of practice for LPNs in the state with the national standards.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806. Additionally, the Board will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 465-2974 and by electronic mail at [RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov](mailto:RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov). Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System by accessing this notice on the system using the comment link. **The comments must be received not later than 4:30 p.m. on March 21, 2025.**

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Alison Osborne Regulations Specialist, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 110806, Juneau, AK 99811-0806 or by e-mail at [RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov](mailto:RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov). **The questions must be received at least 10 days before the end of the public comment period.** The Board will aggregate its response to substantially similar questions and make the questions and responses available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and on the Board's website at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl/ProfessionalLicensing/BoardofNursing.aspx>.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Alison Osborne at (907) 465-6826 or [RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov](mailto:RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov) not later than **March 14, 2025** to ensure that any necessary accommodation can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Alison Osborne at (907) 465-6826 [RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov](mailto:RegulationsAndPublicComment@alaska.gov), or at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/portals/5/pub/NUR-1124.pdf>.

A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System. A copy of material proposed for adoption by reference may be viewed at <https://nalpn.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/NURSE-PRACTICE-STANDARDS-05.30.2023.pdf>

After the public comment period ends, the Board will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. **You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.**

**Statutory Authority:** AS 08.01.100; AS 08.68.100;

**Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific:** AS 08.01.100; AS 08.68.100

**Fiscal Information:** The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased

appropriation.

For each occupation regulated under the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, the Division keeps a list of individuals or organizations who are interested in the regulations of that occupation. The Division automatically sends a Notice of Proposed Regulations to the parties on the appropriate list each time there is a proposed change in an occupation's regulations in Title 12 of the Alaska Administrative Code. If you would like your address added to or removed from such a list, send your request to the Division at the address above, giving your name, either your e-mail address or mailing address (as you prefer for receiving notices), and the occupational area in which you are interested.

DATE: 2/19/2025

/s/  
Alison Osborne, Regulations Specialist  
Division of Corporations, Business and  
Professional Licensing

**ADDITIONAL REGULATION NOTICE INFORMATION**  
**(AS 44.62.190(d))**

1. **Adopting agency:** Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing - Board of Nursing.
2. **General subject of regulation:** Updates to regulations adopting a scope of practice for licensed practical nurses to align with the national standards
3. **Citation of regulation:** 12 AAC 44.136
4. **Department of Law file number:** 2024200564.
5. **Reason for the proposed action:** Update and clarification of current regulations; compliance with state statute.
6. **Appropriation/Allocation:** Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing – #2360.
7. **Estimated annual cost to comply with the proposed action to:**  
A private person: None known.  
Another state agency: None known.  
A municipality: None known.
8. **Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars):**  
No costs are expected in FY 2025 or in subsequent years.
9. **The name of the contact person for the regulation:**  
Patty Wolf, Executive Administrator  
Alaska Board of Nursing  
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development  
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10. **The origin of the proposed action:** Staff of state agency.
11. **Date:**       2/19/2025       **Prepared by:**                               /s/                                
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