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## OPPOSE SB 1779

Protect the public from unqualified nurse imposters in long term care

PA 098-0990

Illinois already tried a Licensed Medication Aide Pilot in PA 098-0990 2016-2019. **IT FAILED!** 4 participants.

## The Nurse Practice Act

Sec. 50-5. **Legislative purpose.** The practice of professional and practical nursing in the State of Illinois is hereby declared to affect the public health, safety, and welfare and to be subject to regulation and control in the public interest. It is further declared to be a matter of public interest and concern that the practice of nursing, as defined in this Act, merit and receive the confidence of the public and that only qualified persons be authorized to so practice in the State of Illinois. This Act shall be liberally construed to best carry out these subjects and purposes.

<https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=1312&ChapterID=24>

## Nurse Education *Matters*

LPN is basic/RN's education is comprehensive-After education, then an Exam

## Nurse Education and Licensure equals “standards” in the law

**Licensed practical nurse**(LPN) one year degree program educates **basic** patient care.

**Registered nurse** (RN) either a two year associate's degree (ADN) or a four year bachelor's degree (BSN) **comprehensive nursing education** preparing RN to manage all degrees of illness. Then, LPNs & RNS take a national licensure **Exam prior** to practicing nursing. Accountability for a nurses' career by oversight of the state agency Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Nursing (IDFPR). ***The longer you study, the more in-depth and specialized your nursing knowledge & skills grow. Medication administration requires nursing knowledge & assessment and is identified as a nursing responsibility.***

## *Why is SB 1779 so dangerous?*

For the sake to reduce costs—employers seek to convince legislators there is a nursing shortage, **when such is untrue**. IDFPR reports **more licensed nurses** in Illinois **every year**. Unsafe working conditions with understaffing facilities is keeping nurses from the bedside. Instead of strategies to retain and recruit nurses by corporate entities—they seek **reducing the standard of care** with minimally trained persons requiring a **change to lower standards of education and licensure in the law to perform nursing**.