PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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EXPLANATION - Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 639.070 and 639.1375.

A REGULATION relating to advanced practitioners of nursing; requiring an advanced practitioner of nursing who dispenses drugs to a patient to do so in accordance with applicable law and his agreement with his collaborating physician; limiting the amounts of certain controlled substances and dangerous drugs that an advanced practitioner of nursing may dispense to no more than a 30-day supply; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 639.879 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 639.879 1. An advanced practitioner of nursing who dispenses drugs to a patient [under the direction of a collaborating physician or pursuant to NRS 454.00958] shall do so [by a written prescription, unless the prescription is issued as an oral order from a practitioner.] in accordance with:
 - (a) All applicable statutes and regulations; and
- (b) The agreement between the advanced practitioner of nursing and his collaborating physician.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 3, an advanced practitioner of nursing who is authorized to dispense controlled substances, poisons, dangerous drugs and devices or to dispense poisons, dangerous drugs and devices may dispense a controlled substance, poison, dangerous drug and device or a poison, dangerous drug and device, as applicable, only:

- (a) For a legitimate medical purpose; and
- (b) In such amounts as are authorized by his collaborating physician, except that the amounts of any controlled substance or dangerous drug must not exceed a [365-day] 30-day supply.
- 3. An advanced practitioner of nursing who is authorized to dispense dangerous drugs may dispense any method of birth control in any quantity ordered by prescription.