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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

*{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

**Date Prepared:** 2/25/2025 *Check all that apply:*  
**Bill Number:** H 479 Original  Correction   
 Amendment  Substitute

**Sponsor:** Gail Armstrong & Rebecca Dow **Agency Name and Code** 449 Board of Nursing  
**Short Title:** USE OF TITLE OF "DOCTOR" **Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
0	0	0	0

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate expenditure decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		
0	0	0	0	0

(Parenthesis ( ) indicate revenue decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:  
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### **SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

#### **BILL SUMMARY**

Synopsis: With regard to professional health care licenses, this enacts a new section of the ULA to prohibit doctorally prepared non-physicians health care providers from using his/her title in any form of advertising or communication in a clinical setting without specifying the specific profession for which they are licensed.

#### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

#### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

None.

#### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

None, the Board supports transparency in title for the public.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The first doctoral-prepared trades were professors in non-health care professions. The clarification about setting is helpful to avoid confusion of honorary titles. The BON would need to promulgate rules and enforce penalties.

In keeping with the concept of progressive discipline, as this is a new process, it would be helpful to start with a non-discipline Board action for the first offense. Second offense would be formal, reportable discipline.

#### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

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#### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

None.

#### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

None.

#### **ALTERNATIVES**

None.

#### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Transparency in title for the public may not be achieved

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#### **AMENDMENTS**

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