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Section

- 1 **Nurse.** Adds subd. 4a to § 144A.70. Defines “nurse” for purposes of statutes regulating supplemental nursing services agencies, to mean an LPN or an RN.
- 2 **Supplemental nursing services agency.** Amends § 144A.70, subd. 6. Amends the definition of supplemental nursing services agency, by removing “other licensed health professionals” from the list of health professionals an agency may provide for temporary employment in a health care facility. With this language removed, a supplemental nursing services agency that is regulated by the commissioner of health is an agency that provides nurses, nursing assistants, nurse aides, and orderlies for temporary employment in health care facilities.
- 3 **Maximum charges.** Amends § 144A.74. Amends a section setting maximum charges a supplemental nursing services agency is permitted to bill or receive payments from a nursing home, to specify that a nursing home that pays for actual travel and housing costs for supplemental nursing services agency staff working at the facility is not violating the limitation on charges in this section.
- 4 **Administrative costs.** Amends § 256R.02, subd. 4. Amends the definition of administrative costs in the chapter governing nursing facility rates to include costs incurred for travel and housing for people employed by a supplemental nursing services agency. This includes these costs in the facility’s other operating payment rate.