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Reviser's note: *(1) The term "advanced registered nurse practitioner" was changed to "advanced practice registered nurse" by 2024 c 239 s 1, effective June 30, 2027.

** (2) Chapter 18.135 RCW was repealed by 2012 c 153 s 20.

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Explanatory note—2025 c 58: See note following RCW 1.16.050.

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