

Sample Phone Call Message

Title Protection Bill A5816-A/S6326-A (Signed into law as Chapter 323 of the Laws of 2006)

Hello, my name is _____; I'm a constituent of (Assemblymember/Senator) and a registered nurse.

May I speak with (him/her) or (his/her) health aide about a bill? (I'd like to leave a message...)

I'm calling about (Assembly/Senate) bill (number in corresponding house), the "title protection" bill. I was glad to note that the (Assemblymember/Senator) is a sponsor. I strongly support this bill, which limits use of the professional title "nurse" to RNs and LPNs.

- ◆ Currently, there is no recourse when unlicensed individuals represent themselves to the public as nurses. For example, unlicensed staff in the hospital where I work are called "nurse technicians."
- ◆ This is confusing for patients. Years of education and training allow me to perform certain functions as a licensed nurse. Unlicensed individuals shouldn't be able to exploit the title.

Please ask your leadership to bring this bill to the floor for a vote this session so that patients can better understand who is really delivering their health care.

Would you please make sure that I get a letter in response to my call today? Let me give you my address; _____ If I can provide any additional information, please let me know. The best number to reach me is _____.

Thank you so much for your time!