

SENATE BILL No. 2

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 25-23-1-11.

Synopsis: Nurse licensure. Authorizes the Indiana state board of nursing to license by endorsement an applicant who has been licensed as a registered nurse by examination under the laws of a Canadian province under the same conditions that the board may license an applicant who has been licensed in another state.

Effective: Upon passage.

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Introduced

Second Regular Session 110th General Assembly (1998)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 1997 General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-23-1-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.181-1996,
2 SECTION 1, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 11. (a) Any person who applies to the board for
4 a license to practice as a registered nurse must:
5 (1) not have:
6 (A) been convicted of a crime that has a direct bearing on the
7 person's ability to practice competently; or
8 (B) committed an act that would constitute a ground for a
9 disciplinary sanction under IC 25-1-9;
10 (2) have completed:
11 (A) the prescribed curriculum and met the graduation
12 requirements of a state accredited program of registered nursing
13 that only accepts students who have a high school diploma or its
14 equivalent as determined by the board; or
15 (B) the prescribed curriculum and graduation requirements of a
16 nursing education program in a foreign country that is
17 substantially equivalent to a board approved program as



1 determined by the board. The board may by rule adopted under
 2 IC 4-22-2 require an applicant under this subsection to
 3 successfully complete an examination approved by the board to
 4 measure the applicant's qualifications and background in the
 5 practice of nursing and proficiency in the English language; and
 6 (3) be physically and mentally capable of and professionally
 7 competent to safely engage in the practice of nursing as determined
 8 by the board.

9 The board may not require a person to have a baccalaureate degree in
 10 nursing as a prerequisite for licensure.

11 (b) The applicant must pass an examination in such subjects as the
 12 board may determine.

13 (c) The board may issue by endorsement a license to practice as a
 14 registered nurse to an applicant who has been licensed as a registered
 15 nurse, by examination, under the laws of another state **or a Canadian**
 16 **province. The board shall license an applicant under this subsection**
 17 if the applicant presents proof satisfactory to the board that, at the time
 18 that the applicant applies for an Indiana license by endorsement, the
 19 applicant possesses credentials and qualifications that are substantially
 20 equivalent to requirements in Indiana for licensure by examination. The
 21 board may specify by rule what constitutes substantial equivalence under
 22 this subsection.

23 (d) Each applicant for examination and registration to practice as a
 24 registered nurse shall pay a fee set by the board. The board may set a
 25 proctoring fee to be paid by applicants who are graduates of a state
 26 accredited school in another state. Payment of the fee or fees shall be
 27 made by the applicant prior to the date of examination.

28 (e) Any person who holds a license to practice as a registered nurse in
 29 Indiana may use the title "Registered Nurse" and the abbreviation "R.N."
 30 No other person shall practice or advertise as or assume the title of
 31 registered nurse or use the abbreviation of "R.N." or any other words,
 32 letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person using same is a
 33 registered nurse.

34 (f) Any person holding a license or certificate of registration to
 35 practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by the board which is valid
 36 on December 1, 1971, shall be considered to be licensed as a registered
 37 nurse under this chapter.

38 **SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

