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SENATE BILL No. 2

DIGEST OF SB 2 (Updated January 15, 1998 9:03 am - DI 88)

Citations Affected: IC 25-23.

Synopsis: Nurse licensure. Authorizes the Indiana state board of nursing to license by endorsement an applicant who has completed and achieved a passing score on the English version of the Canadian Nurse Association Testing Service Examination, is currently licensed as a registered nurse in a Canadian province or another state, and meets all other requirements for receiving a license to practice as a registered nurse under Indiana law.

Effective: Upon passage.

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November 18, 1997, read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs.
January 15, 1998, amended, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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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~~.

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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
4 for 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
13 nursing that only accepts students who have a high school
14 diploma or its equivalent as determined by the board; or
15 (B) the prescribed curriculum and graduation requirements of
16 a nursing education program in a foreign country that is
17 substantially equivalent to a board approved program as

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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
 4 to measure the applicant's qualifications and background in the
 5 practice of nursing and proficiency in the English language;
 6 and

7 (3) be physically and mentally capable of and professionally
 8 competent to safely engage in the practice of nursing as
 9 determined by the board.

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

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

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

23 (d) **An applicant who:**

24 (1) **has completed the English version of the Canadian Nurse**
 25 **Association Testing Service Examination;**

26 (2) **achieved the passing score required on the examination at**
 27 **the time the examination was taken;**

28 (3) **is currently licensed in a Canadian province or another**
 29 **state; and**

30 (4) **meets the other requirements under this section;**

31 **may be licensed by endorsement.**

32 ~~(d)~~ (e) Each applicant for examination and registration to practice
 33 as a registered nurse shall pay a fee set by the board. The board may set
 34 a proctoring fee to be paid by applicants who are graduates of a state
 35 accredited school in another state. Payment of the fee or fees shall be
 36 made by the applicant prior to the date of examination.

37 ~~(e)~~ (f) Any person who holds a license to practice as a registered
 38 nurse in Indiana may use the title "Registered Nurse" and the
 39 abbreviation "R.N.". No other person shall practice or advertise as or
 40 assume the title of registered nurse or use the abbreviation of "R.N." or
 41 any other words, letters, signs, or figures to indicate that the person
 42 using same is a registered nurse.



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1 Ⓣ (g) Any person holding a license or certificate of registration to
2 practice nursing as a registered nurse issued by the board which is valid
3 on December 1, 1971, shall be considered to be licensed as a registered
4 nurse under this chapter.

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

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President: The Senate Committee on Health and Environmental Affairs, to which was referred Senate Bill 2, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill be AMENDED as follows:

Page 2, line 15, delete "or a Canadian".

Page 2, delete line 16.

Page 2, line 19, after "applicant" insert "**holds a current license in another state and**".

Page 2, between lines 22 and 23, begin a new paragraph and insert: "**(d) An applicant who:**

(1) has completed the English version of the Canadian Nurse Association Testing Service Examination;

(2) achieved the passing score required on the examination at the time the examination was taken;

(3) is currently licensed in a Canadian province or another state; and

(4) meets the other requirements under this section;

may be licensed by endorsement."

Page 2, line 23, strike "(d)" and insert "(e)".

Page 2, line 28, strike "(e)" and insert "(f)".

Page 2, line 34, strike "(f)" and insert "(g)".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to Senate Bill 2 as introduced.)

MILLER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0.

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