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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6023**  
**BILL NUMBER: SB 3**

**DATE PREPARED:** Apr 9, 1999  
**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 8, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Nurse licensure.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:**  **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill 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.

The bill also amends continuing education requirements for advanced practice nurses to renew their authority to prescribe legend drugs.

A person is considered to be practicing dentistry if the person directs, controls, owns, or operates a place where dental services are performed. The State Board of Dental Examiners may classify a dental license as inactive if the Board receives written notification from a licensed dentist stating that the licensed dentist retired from the practice of dentistry in Indiana during a certain time period and can demonstrate that the dentist is fit to resume the licensed practice of dentistry.

The Medical Licensing Board must adopt rules establishing mandatory continuing education requirements for the renewal of physician licenses. Every two years the Medical Licensing Board may randomly audit for compliance at least one percent but not more than ten percent of physicians required to take continuing education courses.

The Indiana State Board of Nursing must adopt rules establishing mandatory continuing education requirements for the renewal of nursing licenses. Every two years the State Board of Nursing may randomly audit for compliance at least one percent but not more than ten percent of nurses required to take continuing education courses.

**Effective Date:** (Amended) Upon passage; July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) The Health Professions Bureau, which oversees the regulation of physicians and nurses, will experience an increase in expenses associated with implementing the continuing education requirements. The primary expense will involve informing practitioners of the changes in the requirements. There are currently approximately 140,000 practitioners. The Bureau will experience an increase in expenses associated with printing and postage necessary to notify practitioners and sponsors of continuing education about the continuing education requirements. Telephone expenses will also increase because of additional calls about continuing education and licensure.

Impact of the Proposal		
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2000</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2001</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$57,000	\$57,000
<b>Printing</b>	85,100	28,400
<b>Postage</b>	143,600	47,900
<b>Telephone</b>	3,000	3,000
<b>Supplies</b>	4,500	4,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$293,200</b>	<b>\$140,800</b>

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) Existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) Existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) Authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) Funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) New appropriations. As of 2-26-99, the State Personnel Manning table reported that the Bureau had three vacancies; however, the Bureau intends to fill these positions. With respect to reversions, the Bureau reverted \$223,413 in fiscal year 1997-98 and \$214,707 in fiscal year 1996-97. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions. The bill contains no appropriations.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised)The proposal may affect the number of applications and the amount of renewal fees that the Bureau collects. The specific impact, however, is indeterminable. License fees are deposited in the State General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Health Professions Bureau.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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