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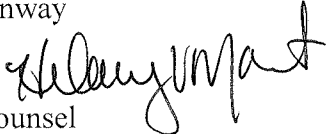
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## MEMORANDUM

February 6, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Sectional Summary for Work Order No. 28-LS1010\O

**TO:** Senator Cathy Giessel  
Attn: Jane Conway

**FROM:** Hilary Martin   
Legislative Counsel

You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill. As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill - the bill itself is the best statement of its contents.

**Section 1.** Adds an advanced nurse practitioner to the Board of Nursing (board). Requires board members who are nurses to have either two or four years of nursing experience.

**Section 2.** Requires the board to adopt regulations regarding retired nurse status, and criteria to approve practical nurse education programs that are not accredited by a national nursing accrediting body. Changes the name of the executive secretary of the board to the executive administrator.

**Section 3.** Requires the executive administrator of the board to hold, at a minimum, a master's degree in nursing.

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**Section 5.** Requires a registered nursing applicant to submit evidence of completing a registered nurse education program accredited by a national nursing accrediting body and approved by the board. Requires a practical nurse applicant to submit evidence of completion of a practical nurse education program accredited by a national nurse accrediting body or a program that meets the criteria established by the board, or completion of a registered nurse education program accredited by a national nurse accrediting body and approved by the board and, if the applicant has failed the registered nurse licensing examination, a practical nurse scope of practice course approved by the board.

**Section 6.** Removes the requirement that the examination be written.

**Section 7.** Repeals language that a license by endorsement can be granted for a person who has successfully completed the Canadian Nurses' Association testing service examination.

**Section 8.** Repeals language that allowed a licensed Canadian nurse or graduate of a foreign school of nursing to receive a temporary permit. Changes the time period for validity of a temporary permit to six months or the date on which the results of the licensing examination are received, whichever is sooner.

**Section 9.** Removes "licensed vocational nurse" and "L.V.N." from the titles that a person licensed to practical nursing may use.

**Section 10.** Requires the board by regulation to establish continuing competency and criminal background check requirements for reinstatement of a lapsed license.

**Section 11.** Allows a physician's assistant to supervise a practical nurse.

**Section 12.** Makes a grammatical change to AS 08.68.270(8).

**Section 13.** Adds a new section requiring an employer of a nurse or nurse aide to report to the board whenever the employer fires or suspends a nurse or nurse aide.

**Section 14.** Removes the requirement to report to the board under oath. Adds language that a report may be made about a nurse, nurse aide, or employer of a nurse or nurse aide.

**Section 15.** Amends AS 08.68.279 to provide protection for nurses who refuse to delegate a task involving nursing care in violation of regulations adopted by the board.

**Section 16.** Adds subsections to AS 08.68.279 allowing a person to bring a civil action for violations of the section, and permitting the Department of Labor to impose a civil penalty on a person who violates the section.

**Section 17.** Repeals statutes.