

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 276(L&C)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/22/02

Referred: Health Education and Social Services

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE WILSON

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to temporary permits and licenses by endorsement issued by the Board**
2 **of Nursing; and relating to the delegation of nursing duties."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 08.68.200 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 08.68.200. License by endorsement.** The board may issue a license by
6 endorsement to practice as a registered or practical nurse, whichever is appropriate, to
7 an applicant who **has worked as a nurse within the past five years if the applicant**

8 (1) is licensed as either a registered or practical nurse under the laws of
9 another state [,] if, in the opinion of the board, the applicant meets the qualifications
10 required for licensing in the state [,] and meets the requirements of AS 08.68.170; **or**

11 (2) meets the requirements of AS 08.68.170 and has successfully
12 completed the Canadian Nurses' Association Testing Service examination if the board
13 determines it is comparable to the examination administered by this state [; OR

14 (3) **HAS NOT WORKED AS A NURSE WITHIN THE LAST FIVE**

1 YEARS, IF THE APPLICANT MEETS THE CONTINUING COMPETENCY
 2 REQUIREMENTS OF THE BOARD OR COMPLETES A COURSE OF STUDY
 3 APPROVED BY THE BOARD].

4 * **Sec. 2.** AS 08.68.200 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) The board may issue a license by endorsement to practice as a registered or
 6 practical nurse, whichever is appropriate, to an applicant who has not worked as a
 7 nurse within the past five years if the applicant meets the requirements of either (a)(1)
 8 or (a)(2) of this section and

9 (1) meets the continuing competency requirements of the board; or

10 (2) completes a course of study approved by the board.

11 * **Sec. 3.** AS 08.68.210(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) The board may issue a temporary permit, nonrenewable and valid for a
 13 period not exceeding six [FOUR] months, to an applicant for a license by endorsement
 14 if the applicant

15 (1) submits proof satisfactory to the board that the applicant is
 16 currently licensed in another state or Canadian province or Canadian territory that
 17 administers an examination approved by the board under AS 08.68.200(a)(2)
 18 [AS 08.68.200(2)];

19 (2) meets the requirements of AS 08.68.170; and

20 (3) pays the required fee.

21 * **Sec. 4.** AS 08.68.340(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) It is a class B misdemeanor for a person to

23 (1) practice nursing under a diploma, license, or record that is
 24 unlawfully obtained, signed, or issued;

25 (2) practice or offer to practice nursing without a license, unless the
 26 person is practicing within the scope of a delegation properly made under
 27 AS 08.68.405 or is giving [GIVES] necessary aid to the ill, injured, or infirm in an
 28 emergency;

29 (3) employ as a nurse a person who is not licensed to practice nursing;

30 (4) use in connection with the person's name a designation that implies
 31 that the person is a licensed nurse unless the person is licensed;

1 (5) practice nursing during the time that the person's license is
2 suspended or revoked;

3 (6) practice nursing with knowledge that the person's license has
4 lapsed;

5 (7) conduct a nursing education program and represent or imply that it
6 is accredited by the board, unless the program has been accredited by the board.

7 * **Sec. 5.** AS 08.68 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 **Sec. 08.68.405. Delegation of nursing functions.** A registered or practical
9 nurse licensed under this chapter may delegate nursing duties to other persons,
10 including unlicensed assistive personnel, under regulations adopted by the board. A
11 person to whom the nursing duties are delegated may perform the delegated duties
12 without a license or certificate under this chapter if the person meets the applicable
13 requirements established by the board.