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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 576  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the licensure of nurses."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 \* Section 1. AS 08.68.111(d) is repealed.

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 08.68.170 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 08.68.170. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSE APPLICANTS.

11 An applicant for a license to practice professional nursing shall submit  
12 to the board on forms and in the manner prescribed by the board, written  
13 evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant is of good moral character,  
14 has completed an approved four year high school course of study or the  
15 equivalent as determined by the appropriate educational agency, and has  
16 successfully completed (1) a professional nursing education program  
17 accredited by the board or; (2) a professional nursing education program  
18 in another state or territory [OUTSIDE THE STATE] which, in the opinion  
19 of the board, meets the minimum requirements of the board for an  
20 accredited program of study in this state at the time the applicant  
21 graduated; or (3) a professional nursing education program accredited by  
22 the National League for Nursing at the time the applicant graduated.

23 \* Sec. 3. AS 08.68.180(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) An applicant for a license to practice practical nursing shall  
25 submit to the board on forms prescribed by the board written evidence,  
26 verified by oath, that the applicant is of good moral character, has  
27 completed the tenth grade or its equivalent as determined by the appro-  
28 priate educational agency, is not less than 18 years of age, and has  
29 successfully completed (1) a practical nursing education program

1 accredited by the board; or (2) a practical nursing educational program  
2 in another state or territory [OUTSIDE THE STATE] which, in the opinion  
3 of the board, meets the minimum requirements of the board for an accredited  
4 program of study in this state.

5 \* Sec. 4. AS 08.68.200 is amended to read:

6 Sec. 08.68.200. LICENSE BY ENDORSEMENT. The board may issue a  
7 license by endorsement to practice professional nursing or to practice  
8 practical nursing, whichever is appropriate, to an applicant who is  
9 licensed as either a professional nurse or a practical nurse under the  
10 laws of another state or [,] territory, [OR FOREIGN COUNTRY,] if in the  
11 opinion of the board the applicant meets the qualifications required for  
12 licensing in the state, and meets the requirements of either sec. 170 or  
13 sec. 180 of this chapter, whichever is applicable.

14 \* Sec. 5. AS 08.68.210(a)(1) is amended to read:

15 (1) submits proof satisfactory to the board that he is  
16 currently licensed in another state or [,] territory, [OR FOREIGN  
17 COUNTRY,]

18 \* Sec. 6. AS 08.68.251 is amended to read:

19 Sec. 08.68.251. LAPSED LICENSES. A lapsed license may be rein-  
20 stated if it has not remained lapsed for more than five years. If the  
21 license is lapsed for more than five years and the board has reason to  
22 believe that the person applying for reinstatement of his license no  
23 longer has sufficient knowledge to carry out the duties of a licensed  
24 nurse, the board may require the applicant to take and pass the exami-  
25 nation given under sec. 190 of this chapter or complete a refresher  
26 course approved by the board.

27 \* Sec. 7. AS 08.68.260 is amended to read:

28 Sec. 08.68.260. INACTIVE NURSES. A licensed nurse may apply to  
29 be placed on inactive status. An inactive nurse may engage in the

1 practice of nursing by submitting an application for renewal and the  
2 current biennial renewal fee to the board and receiving a renewal  
3 certificate. If the board has reason to believe that the applicant for  
4 a renewal certificate no longer has sufficient knowledge to carry out  
5 the duties of a licensed nurse, the board may require the applicant to  
6 take and pass the examination given under sec. 190 of this chapter  
7 or complete a refresher course approved by the board.

8 \* Sec. 8. AS 08.68.270 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

9 (10) is considered by the board to be professionally incom-  
10 petent.

11 \* Sec. 9. AS 08.68.340(3) is amended to read:

12 (3) practice or offer to practice nursing without a license,  
13 except when rendering necessary aid to the ill, injured or infirm in  
14 an emergency, or to knowingly employ a person without a license to  
15 practice nursing; or

16 \* Sec. 10. AS 08.68.400(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) This chapter does not apply to

18 (1) a qualified nurse licensed in another state employed by  
19 the United States Government or a bureau, or agency, or division of  
20 the United States Government while in the discharge of his official  
21 duties; [OR]

22 (2) nursing service given temporarily in the event of a  
23 public emergency or disaster; [OR]

24 (3) the practice of nursing by a student enrolled in a  
25 nursing education program accredited by the board when the practice is  
26 in connection with the student's course of study; or

27 (4) the practice of nursing by a nurse enrolled in an  
28 approved refresher course.

29 \* Sec. 11. AS 08.68.410(8) is amended to read:

1 (8) "endorsement" is the licensing or registering of an  
2 applicant without examination through the acceptance of a license or  
3 registration issued by any state or [,] territory [, OR FOREIGN  
4 COUNTRY] after a comprehensive examination which is equivalent to the  
5 examination offered in this state, and providing the applicant meets  
6 all other qualifications required by law; [.]

7 \* Sec. 12. AS 08.68.410 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

8 (9) "advanced nurse practitioner" means a registered pro-  
9 fessional nurse who by virtue of specialized education and experience,  
10 has become certified to perform acts of medical diagnosis, and pre-  
11 scription of medical, therapeutic or corrective measures as authorized  
12 by regulations promulgated under (5) of this section.  
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