



LAWS OF ALASKA

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AN ACT

Relating to the administration of the practice of professional nursing.

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

* Section 1. AS 08.68.010 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.68.010. CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF NURSING. There is created a Board of Nursing, consisting of five members appointed by the governor. One member shall be currently involved in institutional nursing service, one member in community or public health nursing and two members in basic or continuing nursing education, and one at large.

* Sec. 2. AS 08.68.111(b) is amended to read:

(b) The executive officer shall be a nurse having a bachelor's degree or higher, currently licensed in the state and with not less than five years of active nursing experience, of which not less than two years within the preceding five years shall have been in an administrative or a teaching capacity in an accredited institution acceptable to the board. If a licensed professional nurse holding a bachelor's degree is not available to fill the position of executive officer, the board may waive the requirement for a bachelor's degree and appoint a licensed professional nurse possessing other qualifications in education and administrative experience which the board considers acceptable. However, the appointee shall complete the requirements for the award of a bachelor's degree in four years after appointment to the position of executive officer. Annually, the appointee shall offer the board evidence of satisfactory progress toward award of a bachelor's degree. If after the annual review the board believes that the appointee has not made satisfactory progress toward award of a bachelor's degree, the department may dismiss the appointee, notwithstanding

the provisions of AS 39.25.170.

* Sec. 3. AS 08.68.410(5) is amended to read:

(5) "practice of professional nursing" means the performance for compensation of observation, care and counsel of the ill, injured, or infirm, or the maintenance of health or prevention of illness of others, the supervision and teaching of personnel; or the administration of medications and treatments prescribed by a licensed physician or dentist which require substantial specialized judgment and skill based on knowledge and application of the principles of biological, physical, and social science; but the foregoing do not include acts of medical diagnosis, or the prescription of medical therapeutic or corrective measures unless authorized by regulations promulgated jointly by the State Medical Board and the Board of Nursing and as implemented by the Board of Nursing;