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AN ACT

Relating to the licensure of nurses.

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

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 AS 08.68.111(d) is repealed.

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

Sec. 08.68.170. QUALIFICATIONS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSE APPLICANTS. An applicant for a license to practice professional nursing shall submit to the board on forms and in the manner prescribed by the board, written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant is of good moral character, has completed an approved four year high school course of study or the equivalent as determined by the appropriate educational agency, and has successfully completed (1) a professional nursing education program accredited by the board or; (2) a professional nursing education program in another state or territory which, in the opinion of the board, meets the minimum requirements of the board for an accredited program of study in this state at the time the applicant graduated; or (3) a professional nursing education program accredited by the National League for Nursing at the time the applicant graduated.

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

(a) An applicant for a license to practice practical nursing shall submit to the board on forms prescribed by the board written evidence, verified by oath, that the applicant is of good moral character, has completed the tenth grade or its equivalent as determined by the appropriate educational agency, is not less than 18 years of age, and has successfully completed (1) a practical nursing education program accredited by the board; or (2) a practical nursing education program in another state or territory which, in the

opinion of the board, meets the minimum requirements of the board for an accredited program of study in this state:

- * Sec. 4. AS 08.68.200 is amended to read:

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

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

(1) submits proof satisfactory to the board that he is currently licensed in another state or territory,

- * Sec. 6. AS 08.68.251 is amended to read:

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

- * Sec. 7. AS 08.68.260 is amended to read:

Sec. 08.68.260. INACTIVE NURSES. A licensed nurse may apply to be placed on inactive status. An inactive nurse may engage in the practice of nursing by submitting an application for renewal and the current biennial renewal fee to the board and receiving a renewal certificate. If the board has reason to believe that the applicant for a renewal certificate no longer has sufficient knowledge to carry out the duties of a licensed nurse, the board may require the applicant to take and pass the examination given under sec. 190 of this chapter or complete a refresher course approved by the board.

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

(10) is considered by the board to be professionally incompetent.

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

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

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

(a) This chapter does not apply to

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

(2) nursing service given temporarily in the event of a public emergency or disaster;

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

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

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

(8) "endorsement" is the licensing or registering of an applicant without examination through the acceptance of a license or registration issued by any state or territory after a comprehensive examination which is equivalent to the examination offered in this state, and providing the applicant meets all other qualifications required by law;

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

(9) "advanced nurse practitioner" means a registered professional nurse who by virtue of specialized education and experience, has become certified to perform acts of medical diagnosis, and prescription of medical, therapeutic or corrective measures as authorized by regulations promulgated under (5) of this section.