

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1245

Page 1, line 1, after "to" insert "create and enact a new subsection to section 43-12.1-10 and a new section to chapter 43-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to transitional nurse licensure and continuing education; to" and remove "subsection 10 of section 15-20.4-02,"

Page 1, line 3, after "programs" insert "; and to provide for application"

Page 1, remove lines 5 through 9

Page 3, line 6, overstrike "Students" and insert immediately thereafter "A student"

Page 3, line 7, replace "that meets the minimum standards for nursing education programs" with "preparing for initial or advanced licensure as a registered nurse or licensed practical nurse which is located in an institution of higher education that offers transferable credit"

Page 3, line 26, remove the overstrike over "~~education and~~"

Page 4, line 3, replace "Accept for licensure the graduates of" with "Establish standards for"

Page 4, line 4, replace "that are approved by the state board of higher education or" with "leading to licensure and collaborate with nursing education program approval organizations and accreditation organizations. The board may not restrict the offering in this state of nursing programs accredited by the national league for nursing accrediting commission, or the commission on collegiate nursing education"

Page 4, remove line 5

Page 4, line 6, remove "academic settings and offer transferable credit"

Page 4, line 8, overstrike "Establish standards for assessing the competence of licensees and registrants"

Page 4, line 9, overstrike "continuing in or returning to practice" and insert immediately thereafter "Approve for licensure graduates of nursing education programs that are recognized by the board or that are accredited by national nursing program accreditation organizations that are recognized by the board. However, a graduate of a nursing education program that is not located in the United States, Canada, or the United States' possessions or territories must have a baccalaureate degree in order to be licensed as a registered nurse. The board may not restrict the offering in this state of nursing programs accredited by the national league for nursing accrediting commission, incorporated, or the commission on collegiate nursing education"

Page 6, after line 26, insert:

"**SECTION 5.** A new subsection to section 43-12.1-10 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

An individual who holds a license as a transitional practical nurse or a transitional registered nurse on August 1, 2003, may renew that license for the 2004 licensure year. Effective with the 2005 licensure year, the board may not renew transitional licenses.

**SECTION 6.** A new section to chapter 43-12.1 of the North Dakota Century Code is created and enacted as follows:

**Continuing education requirements.** The board shall adopt rules requiring every nurse licensed in the state to fulfill continuing education requirements. Before the board may renew a license, the licensee shall submit evidence to the board establishing that all continuing education requirements prescribed by the rules adopted by the board have been met. The continuing education requirements must be the same for all nurses, regardless of the type of nurse or the level of education.

**SECTION 7. APPLICATION.** The licensure requirements of section 6 of this Act are effective beginning with the 2005 licensure year."

Renumber accordingly