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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2509

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 2509 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 60-5 and 60-10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/60-5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 60-5. RN education program requirements; out-of-State
9 programs.

10 (a) All registered professional nurse education programs
11 must be reviewed by the Board and approved by the Department
12 before the successful completion of such a program may be
13 applied toward meeting the requirements for registered
14 professional nurse licensure under this Act. Any program
15 changing the level of educational preparation or the
16 relationship with or to the parent institution or establishing

1 an extension of an existing program must request a review by
2 the Board and approval by the Department. The Board shall
3 review and make a recommendation for the approval or
4 disapproval of a program by the Department based on the
5 following criteria:

6 (1) a feasibility study that describes the need for
7 the program and the facilities used, the potential of the
8 program to recruit faculty and students, financial support
9 for the program, and other criteria, as established by
10 rule;

11 (2) program curriculum that meets all State
12 requirements;

13 (2.5) measurement of program effectiveness based on a
14 passage rate of all graduates over the 3 most recent
15 calendar years without reference to first-time test
16 takers;

17 (3) the administration of the program by a Nurse
18 Administrator and the involvement of a Nurse Administrator
19 in the development of the program;

20 (4) the occurrence of a site visit prior to approval;
21 and

22 (5) beginning December 31, 2022, obtaining and
23 maintaining programmatic accreditation by a national
24 accrediting body for nursing education recognized by the
25 United States Department of Education and approved by the
26 Department.

1 The Department and Board of Nursing shall be notified
2 within 30 days if the program loses its accreditation. The
3 Department may adopt rules regarding a warning process and
4 reaccreditation.

5 (b) In order to obtain initial Department approval and to
6 maintain Department approval, a registered professional
7 nursing program must meet all of the following requirements:

8 (1) The institution responsible for conducting the
9 program and the Nurse Administrator must ensure that
10 individual faculty members are academically and
11 professionally competent.

12 (2) The program curriculum must contain all applicable
13 requirements established by rule, including both theory
14 and clinical components.

15 (3) The passage rates of the program's graduating
16 classes on the State-approved licensure exam must be
17 deemed satisfactory by the Department; however, for
18 classes that graduate on or after the effective date of
19 this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, a
20 first-time passage rate of more than 60% shall be deemed
21 satisfactory.

22 (c) Program site visits to an institution conducting or
23 hosting a professional nursing program may be made at the
24 discretion of the Nursing Coordinator or upon recommendation
25 of the Board. Full routine site visits may be conducted by the
26 Department for periodic evaluation. Such visits shall be used

1 to determine compliance with this Act. Full routine site
2 visits must be announced and may be waived at the discretion of
3 the Department if the program maintains accreditation with an
4 accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of
5 Education and approved by the Department.

6 (d) Any institution conducting a registered professional
7 nursing program that wishes to discontinue the program must do
8 each of the following:

9 (1) Notify the Department, in writing, of its intent
10 to discontinue the program.

11 (2) Continue to meet the requirements of this Act and
12 the rules adopted thereunder until the official date of
13 termination of the program.

14 (3) Notify the Department of the date on which the
15 last student shall graduate from the program and the
16 program shall terminate.

17 (4) Assist remaining students in the continuation of
18 their education in the event of program termination prior
19 to the graduation of the program's final student.

20 (5) Upon the closure of the program, notify the
21 Department, in writing, of the location of student and
22 graduate records' storage.

23 (e) Out-of-State registered professional nursing education
24 programs planning to offer clinical practice experiences in
25 this State must meet the requirements set forth in this
26 Section and must meet the clinical and faculty requirements

1 for institutions outside of this State, as established by
2 rule. The institution responsible for conducting an
3 out-of-State registered professional nursing education program
4 and the administrator of the program shall be responsible for
5 ensuring that the individual faculty and preceptors overseeing
6 the clinical experience are academically and professionally
7 competent.

8 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)

9 (225 ILCS 65/60-10)

10 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

11 Sec. 60-10. RN licensure by examination.

12 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements
13 of this Section is eligible for licensure as a registered
14 professional nurse.

15 (a-5) As soon as possible after the completion of each
16 academic term, each institution of higher education that
17 conducts a registered professional nursing program approved by
18 the Department under Section 60-5 shall email to the
19 designated testing service a list of applicants who are
20 eligible to take the licensure examination. As soon as
21 possible after receiving the eligibility list from the
22 institution of higher education, the designated testing
23 service shall notify the applicant by email that he or she is
24 eligible to take the examination. That notification shall be
25 sent to the email address provided to the institution of

1 higher education by the applicant. The applicant shall
2 register to take the licensure exam by selecting a date from
3 the dates provided by the designated testing service. The
4 designated testing service shall provide institutions of
5 higher education with real-time access to testing data,
6 including registration status, testing dates, and test
7 results.

8 (b) An applicant for licensure by examination to practice
9 as a registered professional nurse is eligible for licensure
10 when the following requirements are met:

11 (1) the applicant has submitted a completed written
12 application, on forms provided by the Department, and
13 fees, as established by the Department;

14 (2) the applicant has graduated from a professional
15 nursing education program approved by the Department or
16 has been granted a certificate of completion of
17 pre-licensure requirements from another United States
18 jurisdiction;

19 (3) the applicant has successfully completed a
20 licensure examination approved by the Department;

21 (4) (blank);

22 (5) the applicant has submitted to the criminal
23 history records check required under Section 50-35 of this
24 Act;

25 (6) the applicant has submitted, either to the
26 Department or its designated testing service, a fee

1 covering the cost of providing the examination; failure to
2 appear for the examination on the scheduled date at the
3 time and place specified after the applicant's application
4 for examination has been received and acknowledged by the
5 Department or the designated testing service shall result
6 in the forfeiture of the examination fee; and

7 (7) the applicant has met all other requirements
8 established by the Department by rule.

9 An applicant for licensure by examination may take the
10 Department-approved examination in another jurisdiction.

11 (b-3) If an applicant who graduates from a professional
12 nursing program in the State on or after the effective date of
13 this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly does not sit
14 for the licensure examination within 180 days after his or her
15 degree is conferred by the institution of higher education,
16 then the institution of higher education shall provide
17 remedial educational resources to the graduate at no cost to
18 the graduate. If an applicant fails the licensure examination
19 on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
20 103rd General Assembly, then the applicant must contact the
21 institution of higher education from which he or she graduated
22 for remediation prior to retesting. If the institution of
23 higher education is located in the State, then it shall
24 provide remedial educational resources to the graduate at no
25 cost to the graduate.

26 (b-5) If an applicant for licensure by examination

1 neglects, fails, or refuses to take an examination or fails to
2 pass an examination for a license within 3 years of the date of
3 initial application, the application shall be denied. When an
4 applicant's application is denied due to the failure to pass
5 the examination within the 3-year period, that applicant must
6 undertake an additional course of education as defined by rule
7 prior to submitting a new application for licensure. Any new
8 application must be accompanied by the required fee, evidence
9 of meeting the requirements in force at the time of the new
10 application, and evidence of completion of the additional
11 course of education prescribed by rule.

12 (c) An applicant for licensure by examination shall have
13 one year after the date of notification of the successful
14 completion of the examination to apply to the Department for a
15 license. If an applicant fails to apply within one year, the
16 applicant shall be required to retake and pass the examination
17 unless licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States.

18 (d) An applicant for licensure by examination who passes
19 the Department-approved licensure examination for professional
20 nursing may obtain employment as a license-pending registered
21 nurse and practice under the direction of a registered
22 professional nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse
23 until such time as he or she receives his or her license to
24 practice or until the license is denied. In no instance shall
25 any such applicant practice or be employed in any management
26 capacity. An individual may be employed as a license-pending

1 registered nurse if all of the following criteria are met:

2 (1) He or she has completed and passed the
3 Department-approved licensure exam and presents to the
4 employer the official written notification indicating
5 successful passage of the licensure examination.

6 (2) He or she has completed and submitted to the
7 Department an application for licensure under this Section
8 as a registered professional nurse.

9 (3) He or she has submitted the required licensure
10 fee.

11 (4) He or she has met all other requirements
12 established by rule, including having submitted to a
13 criminal history records check.

14 (e) The privilege to practice as a license-pending
15 registered nurse shall terminate with the occurrence of any of
16 the following:

17 (1) Three months have passed since the official date
18 of passing the licensure exam as inscribed on the formal
19 written notification indicating passage of the exam. The
20 3-month license pending period may be extended if more
21 time is needed by the Department to process the licensure
22 application.

23 (2) Receipt of the registered professional nurse
24 license from the Department.

25 (3) Notification from the Department that the
26 application for licensure has been refused.

1 (4) A request by the Department that the individual
2 terminate practicing as a license-pending registered nurse
3 until an official decision is made by the Department to
4 grant or deny a registered professional nurse license.

5 (f) (Blank).

6 (g) (Blank).

7 (h) (Blank).

8 (i) (Blank).

9 (j) (Blank).

10 (k) All applicants for registered professional nurse
11 licensure have 3 years after the date of application to
12 complete the application process. If the process has not been
13 completed within 3 years after the date of application, the
14 application shall be denied, the fee forfeited, and the
15 applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at
16 the time of reapplication.

17 (l) All applicants for registered nurse licensure by
18 examination who are graduates of practical nursing educational
19 programs in a country other than the United States and its
20 territories shall have their nursing education credentials
21 evaluated by a Department-approved nursing credentialing
22 evaluation service. No such applicant may be issued a license
23 under this Act unless the applicant's program is deemed by the
24 nursing credentialing evaluation service to be equivalent to a
25 professional nursing education program approved by the
26 Department. An applicant who has graduated from a nursing

1 educational program outside of the United States or its
2 territories and whose first language is not English shall
3 submit evidence of English proficiency, as defined by rule.

4 (m) (Blank).

5 (Source: P.A. 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)".