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7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)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

18           (c) Program site visits to an institution conducting or  
19 hosting a professional nursing program may be made at the  
20 discretion of the Nursing Coordinator or upon recommendation  
21 of the Board. Full routine site visits may be conducted by the  
22 Department for periodic evaluation. Such visits shall be used  
23 to determine compliance with this Act. Full routine site  
24 visits must be announced and may be waived at the discretion of  
25 the Department if the program maintains accreditation with an  
26 accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of

1 Education and approved by the Department.

2 (d) Any institution conducting a registered professional  
3 nursing program that wishes to discontinue the program must do  
4 each of the following:

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

7 (2) Continue to meet the requirements of this Act and  
8 the rules adopted thereunder until the official date of  
9 termination of the program.

10 (3) Notify the Department of the date on which the  
11 last student shall graduate from the program and the  
12 program shall terminate.

13 (4) Assist remaining students in the continuation of  
14 their education in the event of program termination prior  
15 to the graduation of the program's final student.

16 (5) Upon the closure of the program, notify the  
17 Department, in writing, of the location of student and  
18 graduate records' storage.

19 (e) Out-of-State registered professional nursing education  
20 programs planning to offer clinical practice experiences in  
21 this State must meet the requirements set forth in this  
22 Section and must meet the clinical and faculty requirements  
23 for institutions outside of this State, as established by  
24 rule. The institution responsible for conducting an  
25 out-of-State registered professional nursing education program  
26 and the administrator of the program shall be responsible for

1 ensuring that the individual faculty and preceptors overseeing  
2 the clinical experience are academically and professionally  
3 competent.

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

5 (225 ILCS 65/60-10)

6 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

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

8 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements  
9 of this Section is eligible for licensure as a registered  
10 professional nurse.

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

14 (1) the applicant has submitted a completed written  
15 application, on forms provided by the Department, and  
16 fees, as established by the Department;

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

22 (3) the applicant has successfully completed a  
23 licensure examination approved by the Department;

24 (4) (blank);

25 (5) the applicant has submitted to the criminal

1 history records check required under Section 50-35 of this  
2 Act;

3 (6) the applicant has submitted, either to the  
4 Department or its designated testing service, a fee  
5 covering the cost of providing the examination; failure to  
6 appear for the examination on the scheduled date at the  
7 time and place specified after the applicant's application  
8 for examination has been received and acknowledged by the  
9 Department or the designated testing service shall result  
10 in the forfeiture of the examination fee; and

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

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

15 (b-3) An applicant who graduates from a professional  
16 nursing program in this State on or after the effective date of  
17 this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and does not  
18 take the licensure examination within 180 days after his or  
19 her degree is conferred by the institution of higher education  
20 or fails the licensure examination for a second time shall be  
21 required to demonstrate proof of completion of a National  
22 Council Licensure Examination preparatory class or a  
23 comparable test preparatory program before taking a subsequent  
24 licensure examination or the graduate may return to the  
25 institution of higher education from which he or she graduated  
26 which shall provide remedial educational resources to the

1 graduate at no cost to the graduate. Such an applicant must  
2 contact the institution of higher education from which he or  
3 she graduated prior to retesting.

4 (b-4) All professional nursing programs in probationary  
5 status on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
6 103rd General Assembly and subject to a program revision plan  
7 shall be deemed in good standing for a period of 3 years  
8 beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
9 103rd General Assembly. Prior to September 1, 2026, no  
10 professional nursing program shall be placed on probationary  
11 status for failing to reach a passage rate of less than 75%.

12 (b-5) If an applicant for licensure by examination  
13 neglects, fails, or refuses to take an examination or fails to  
14 pass an examination for a license within 3 years of the date of  
15 initial application, the application shall be denied. When an  
16 applicant's application is denied due to the failure to pass  
17 the examination within the 3-year period, that applicant must  
18 undertake an additional course of education as defined by rule  
19 prior to submitting a new application for licensure. Any new  
20 application must be accompanied by the required fee, evidence  
21 of meeting the requirements in force at the time of the new  
22 application, and evidence of completion of the additional  
23 course of education prescribed by rule.

24 (c) An applicant for licensure by examination shall have  
25 one year after the date of notification of the successful  
26 completion of the examination to apply to the Department for a

1 license. If an applicant fails to apply within one year, the  
2 applicant shall be required to retake and pass the examination  
3 unless licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States.

4 (d) An applicant for licensure by examination who passes  
5 the Department-approved licensure examination for professional  
6 nursing may obtain employment as a license-pending registered  
7 nurse and practice under the direction of a registered  
8 professional nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse  
9 until such time as he or she receives his or her license to  
10 practice or until the license is denied. In no instance shall  
11 any such applicant practice or be employed in any management  
12 capacity. An individual may be employed as a license-pending  
13 registered nurse if all of the following criteria are met:

14 (1) He or she has completed and passed the  
15 Department-approved licensure exam and presents to the  
16 employer the official written notification indicating  
17 successful passage of the licensure examination.

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

21 (3) He or she has submitted the required licensure  
22 fee.

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

26 (e) The privilege to practice as a license-pending



1 registered nurse shall terminate with the occurrence of any of  
2 the following:

3 (1) Three months have passed since the official date  
4 of passing the licensure exam as inscribed on the formal  
5 written notification indicating passage of the exam. The  
6 3-month license pending period may be extended if more  
7 time is needed by the Department to process the licensure  
8 application.

9 (2) Receipt of the registered professional nurse  
10 license from the Department.

11 (3) Notification from the Department that the  
12 application for licensure has been refused.

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

17 (f) (Blank).

18 (g) (Blank).

19 (h) (Blank).

20 (i) (Blank).

21 (j) (Blank).

22 (k) All applicants for registered professional nurse  
23 licensure have 3 years after the date of application to  
24 complete the application process. If the process has not been  
25 completed within 3 years after the date of application, the  
26 application shall be denied, the fee forfeited, and the

1 applicant must reapply and meet the requirements in effect at  
2 the time of reapplication.

3 (l) All applicants for registered nurse licensure by  
4 examination who are graduates of practical nursing educational  
5 programs in a country other than the United States and its  
6 territories shall have their nursing education credentials  
7 evaluated by a Department-approved nursing credentialing  
8 evaluation service. No such applicant may be issued a license  
9 under this Act unless the applicant's program is deemed by the  
10 nursing credentialing evaluation service to be equivalent to a  
11 professional nursing education program approved by the  
12 Department. An applicant who has graduated from a nursing  
13 educational program outside of the United States or its  
14 territories and whose first language is not English shall  
15 submit evidence of English proficiency, as defined by rule.

16 (m) (Blank).

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