



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB5047

Introduced 2/8/2024, by Rep. Terra Costa Howard

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 65/50-80 new

Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Provides that a license under the Act shall be automatically granted to an individual who has graduated from an approved program of professional nursing education or an approved program of practical nursing education, as applicable to the license being granted; passed a criminal background check with the Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation; and completed and passed an examination specific to State laws that regulate the nursing profession as an advanced practice registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, or registered nurse. Requires the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to adopt rules.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by adding
5 Section 50-80 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/50-80 new)

7 Sec. 50-80. Automatic nurse licensure program.

8 (a) Beginning January 1, 2025, the applicable license
9 under this Act shall be automatically granted to an individual
10 who has:

11 (1) graduated from an approved program of professional
12 nursing education or an approved program of practical
13 nursing education, as applicable to the license being
14 granted;

15 (2) passed a criminal background check with the
16 Illinois State Police and Federal Bureau of Investigation;
17 and

18 (3) completed and passed an examination specific to
19 State laws that regulate the nursing profession as an
20 advanced practice registered nurse, licensed practical
21 nurse, or registered nurse.

22 (b) The Department shall adopt rules to implement and
23 administer this Section.