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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5047

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 5047 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing
5 Sections 50-10, 55-10, 60-10, and 65-10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/50-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/5-10)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

8 Sec. 50-10. Definitions. Each of the following terms, when
9 used in this Act, shall have the meaning ascribed to it in this
10 Section, except where the context clearly indicates otherwise:

11 "Academic year" means the customary annual schedule of
12 courses at a college, university, or approved school,
13 customarily regarded as the school year as distinguished from
14 the calendar year.

15 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded
16 by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application

1 file or license file as maintained by the Department's
2 licensure maintenance unit.

3 "Advanced practice registered nurse" or "APRN" means a
4 person who has met the qualifications for a (i) certified
5 nurse midwife (CNM); (ii) certified nurse practitioner (CNP);
6 (iii) certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA); or (iv)
7 clinical nurse specialist (CNS) and has been licensed by the
8 Department. All advanced practice registered nurses licensed
9 and practicing in the State of Illinois shall use the title
10 APRN and may use specialty credentials CNM, CNP, CRNA, or CNS
11 after their name. All advanced practice registered nurses may
12 only practice in accordance with national certification and
13 this Act.

14 "Advisory Board" means the Illinois Nursing Workforce
15 Center Advisory Board.

16 "Approved program of professional nursing education" and
17 "approved program of practical nursing education" are programs
18 of professional or practical nursing, respectively, approved
19 by the Department under the provisions of this Act.

20 "Board" means the Board of Nursing appointed by the
21 Secretary.

22 "Center" means the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center.

23 "Collaboration" means a process involving 2 or more health
24 care professionals working together, each contributing one's
25 respective area of expertise to provide more comprehensive
26 patient care.

1 "Competence" means an expected and measurable level of
2 performance that integrates knowledge, skills, abilities, and
3 judgment based on established scientific knowledge and
4 expectations for nursing practice.

5 "Comprehensive nursing assessment" means the gathering of
6 information about the patient's physiological, psychological,
7 sociological, and spiritual status on an ongoing basis by a
8 registered professional nurse and is the first step in
9 implementing and guiding the nursing plan of care.

10 "Consultation" means the process whereby an advanced
11 practice registered nurse seeks the advice or opinion of
12 another health care professional.

13 "Credentialed" means the process of assessing and
14 validating the qualifications of a health care professional.

15 "Dentist" means a person licensed to practice dentistry
16 under the Illinois Dental Practice Act.

17 "Department" means the Department of Financial and
18 Professional Regulation.

19 "Direct supervision" means the supervising licensed
20 medical professional is physically present in the facility or
21 practice setting and is readily available to the
22 license-pending nurse.

23 "Email address of record" means the designated email
24 address recorded by the Department in the applicant's
25 application file or the licensee's license file, as maintained
26 by the Department's licensure maintenance unit.

1 "Focused nursing assessment" means an appraisal of an
2 individual's status and current situation, contributing to the
3 comprehensive nursing assessment performed by the registered
4 professional nurse or advanced practice registered nurse or
5 the assessment by the physician assistant, physician, dentist,
6 podiatric physician, or other licensed health care
7 professional, as determined by the Department, supporting
8 ongoing data collection, and deciding who needs to be informed
9 of the information and when to inform.

10 "Full practice authority" means the authority of an
11 advanced practice registered nurse licensed in Illinois and
12 certified as a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist,
13 or nurse midwife to practice without a written collaborative
14 agreement and:

15 (1) to be fully accountable to patients for the
16 quality of advanced nursing care rendered;

17 (2) to be fully accountable for recognizing limits of
18 knowledge and experience and for planning for the
19 management of situations beyond the advanced practice
20 registered nurse's expertise; the full practice authority
21 for advanced practice registered nurses includes accepting
22 referrals from, consulting with, collaborating with, or
23 referring to other health care professionals as warranted
24 by the needs of the patient; and

25 (3) to possess the authority to prescribe medications,
26 including Schedule II through V controlled substances, as

1 provided in Section 65-43.

2 "Hospital affiliate" means a corporation, partnership,
3 joint venture, limited liability company, or similar
4 organization, other than a hospital, that is devoted primarily
5 to the provision, management, or support of health care
6 services and that directly or indirectly controls, is
7 controlled by, or is under common control of the hospital. For
8 the purposes of this definition, "control" means having at
9 least an equal or a majority ownership or membership interest.
10 A hospital affiliate shall be 100% owned or controlled by any
11 combination of hospitals, their parent corporations, or
12 physicians licensed to practice medicine in all its branches
13 in Illinois. "Hospital affiliate" does not include a health
14 maintenance organization regulated under the Health
15 Maintenance Organization Act.

16 "Impaired nurse" means a nurse licensed under this Act who
17 is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety because
18 of a physical or mental disability as evidenced by a written
19 determination or written consent based on clinical evidence,
20 including loss of motor skills, abuse of drugs or alcohol, or a
21 psychiatric disorder, of sufficient degree to diminish his or
22 her ability to deliver competent patient care.

23 "License-pending advanced practice registered nurse" means
24 a registered professional nurse who has completed all
25 requirements for licensure as an advanced practice registered
26 nurse except the certification examination and has applied to

1 take the next available certification exam and received a
2 temporary permit from the Department.

3 "License-pending registered nurse" means a person who has
4 passed the Department-approved registered nurse licensure exam
5 and has applied for a license from the Department. A
6 license-pending registered nurse shall use the title "RN lic
7 pend" on all documentation related to nursing practice.

8 "Nursing intervention" means any treatment based on
9 clinical nursing judgment or knowledge that a nurse performs.
10 An individual or entity shall not mandate that a registered
11 professional nurse delegate nursing interventions if the
12 registered professional nurse determines it is inappropriate
13 to do so. A nurse shall not be subject to disciplinary or any
14 other adverse action for refusing to delegate a nursing
15 intervention based on patient safety.

16 "Physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine
17 in all its branches under the Medical Practice Act of 1987.

18 "Podiatric physician" means a person licensed to practice
19 podiatry under the Podiatric Medical Practice Act of 1987.

20 "Practical nurse" or "licensed practical nurse" means a
21 person who is licensed as a practical nurse under this Act and
22 practices practical nursing as defined in this Act. Only a
23 practical nurse licensed under this Act is entitled to use the
24 title "licensed practical nurse" and the abbreviation
25 "L.P.N.".

26 "Practical nursing" means the performance of nursing

1 interventions requiring the nursing knowledge, judgment, and
2 skill acquired by means of completion of an approved practical
3 nursing education program. Practical nursing includes
4 assisting in the nursing process under the guidance of a
5 registered professional nurse or an advanced practice
6 registered nurse. The practical nurse may work under the
7 direction of a licensed physician, dentist, podiatric
8 physician, or other health care professional determined by the
9 Department.

10 "Privileged" means the authorization granted by the
11 governing body of a healthcare facility, agency, or
12 organization to provide specific patient care services within
13 well-defined limits, based on qualifications reviewed in the
14 credentialing process.

15 "Registered Nurse" or "Registered Professional Nurse"
16 means a person who is licensed as a professional nurse under
17 this Act and practices nursing as defined in this Act. Only a
18 registered nurse licensed under this Act is entitled to use
19 the titles "registered nurse" and "registered professional
20 nurse" and the abbreviation, "R.N.".

21 "Registered professional nursing practice" means a
22 scientific process founded on a professional body of knowledge
23 that includes, but is not limited to, the protection,
24 promotion, and optimization of health and abilities,
25 prevention of illness and injury, development and
26 implementation of the nursing plan of care, facilitation of

1 nursing interventions to alleviate suffering, care
2 coordination, and advocacy in the care of individuals,
3 families, groups, communities, and populations. "Registered
4 professional nursing practice" does not include the act of
5 medical diagnosis or prescription of medical therapeutic or
6 corrective measures.

7 "Professional assistance program for nurses" means a
8 professional assistance program that meets criteria
9 established by the Board of Nursing and approved by the
10 Secretary, which provides a non-disciplinary treatment
11 approach for nurses licensed under this Act whose ability to
12 practice is compromised by alcohol or chemical substance
13 addiction.

14 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and
15 Professional Regulation.

16 "Unencumbered license" means a license issued in good
17 standing.

18 "Written collaborative agreement" means a written
19 agreement between an advanced practice registered nurse and a
20 collaborating physician, dentist, or podiatric physician
21 pursuant to Section 65-35.

22 (Source: P.A. 103-154, eff. 6-30-23.)

23 (225 ILCS 65/55-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/10-30)

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

25 Sec. 55-10. LPN licensure by examination.

1 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements
2 of this Section is eligible for licensure as a licensed
3 practical nurse.

4 (b) An applicant for licensure by examination to practice
5 as a practical nurse is eligible for licensure when the
6 following requirements are met:

7 (1) the applicant has submitted a completed written
8 application on forms provided by the Department and fees
9 as established by the Department;

10 (2) the applicant has graduated from a practical
11 nursing education program approved by the Department or
12 has been granted a certificate of completion of
13 pre-licensure requirements from another United States
14 jurisdiction;

15 (3) the applicant has successfully completed a
16 licensure examination approved by the Department;

17 (4) (blank);

18 (5) the applicant has submitted to the criminal
19 history records check required under Section 50-35 of this
20 Act;

21 (6) the applicant has submitted either to the
22 Department or its designated testing service, a fee
23 covering the cost of providing the examination. Failure to
24 appear for the examination on the scheduled date at the
25 time and place specified after the applicant's application
26 for examination has been received and acknowledged by the

1 Department or the designated testing service shall result
2 in the forfeiture of the examination fee; and

3 (7) the applicant has met all other requirements
4 established by rule.

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

17 An applicant may take and successfully complete a
18 Department-approved examination in another jurisdiction.
19 However, an applicant who has never been licensed previously
20 in any jurisdiction that utilizes a Department-approved
21 examination and who has taken and failed to pass the
22 examination within 3 years after filing the application must
23 submit proof of successful completion of a
24 Department-authorized nursing education program or
25 recompletion of an approved licensed practical nursing program
26 prior to re-application.

1 (c) An applicant for licensure by examination shall have
2 one year from the date of notification of successful
3 completion of the examination to apply to the Department for a
4 license. If an applicant fails to apply within one year, the
5 applicant shall be required to retake and pass the examination
6 unless licensed in another jurisdiction of the United States.

7 (d) A licensed practical nurse applicant who passes the
8 Department-approved licensure examination and has applied to
9 the Department for licensure may obtain employment as a
10 license-pending practical nurse and practice under the direct
11 supervision of ~~as delegated by~~ a registered professional nurse
12 or an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician. An
13 individual may be employed as a license-pending practical
14 nurse if all of the following criteria are met:

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

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

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

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

1 (e) The privilege to practice as a license-pending
2 practical nurse shall terminate with the occurrence of any of
3 the following:

4 (1) (Blank). ~~Three months have passed since the~~
5 ~~official date of passing the licensure exam as inscribed~~
6 ~~on the formal written notification indicating passage of~~
7 ~~the exam. This 3 month period may be extended as~~
8 ~~determined by rule.~~

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

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

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

17 (f) (Blank).

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

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

5 (h) (Blank).

6 (i) (Blank).

7 (j) (Blank).

8 (k) (Blank).

9 (l) (Blank).

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

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

17 (225 ILCS 65/60-10)

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

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

20 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements
21 of this Section is eligible for licensure as a registered
22 professional nurse.

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

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

4 (2) the applicant has graduated from a professional
5 nursing education program approved by the Department or
6 has been granted a certificate of completion of
7 pre-licensure requirements from another United States
8 jurisdiction;

9 (3) the applicant has successfully completed a
10 licensure examination approved by the Department;

11 (4) (blank);

12 (5) the applicant has submitted to the criminal
13 history records check required under Section 50-35 of this
14 Act;

15 (6) the applicant has submitted, either to the
16 Department or its designated testing service, a fee
17 covering the cost of providing the examination; failure to
18 appear for the examination on the scheduled date at the
19 time and place specified after the applicant's application
20 for examination has been received and acknowledged by the
21 Department or the designated testing service shall result
22 in the forfeiture of the examination fee; and

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

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

1 (b-3) An applicant who graduates from a professional
2 nursing program in this State on or after the effective date of
3 this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly and does not
4 take the licensure examination within 180 days after his or
5 her degree is conferred by the institution of higher education
6 or fails the licensure examination for a second time shall be
7 required to demonstrate proof of completion of a National
8 Council Licensure Examination preparatory class or a
9 comparable test preparatory program before taking a subsequent
10 licensure examination or the graduate may return to the
11 institution of higher education from which he or she graduated
12 which shall provide remedial educational resources to the
13 graduate at no cost to the graduate. Such an applicant must
14 contact the institution of higher education from which he or
15 she graduated prior to retesting.

16 (b-4) All professional nursing programs in probationary
17 status on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
18 103rd General Assembly and subject to a program revision plan
19 shall be deemed in good standing for a period of 3 years
20 beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the
21 103rd General Assembly. Prior to September 1, 2026, no
22 professional nursing program shall be placed on probationary
23 status for failing to reach a passage rate of less than 75%.

24 (b-5) If an applicant for licensure by examination
25 neglects, fails, or refuses to take an examination or fails to
26 pass an examination for a license within 3 years of the date of

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 (4) A request by the Department that the individual

1 terminate practicing as a license-pending registered nurse
2 until an official decision is made by the Department to
3 grant or deny a registered professional nurse license.

4 (f) (Blank).

5 (g) (Blank).

6 (h) (Blank).

7 (i) (Blank).

8 (j) (Blank).

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

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

1 territories and whose first language is not English shall
2 submit evidence of English proficiency, as defined by rule.

3 (m) (Blank).

4 (Source: P.A. 103-533, eff. 1-1-24.)

5 (225 ILCS 65/65-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/15-13)

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

7 Sec. 65-10. APRN license pending status.

8 (a) A graduate of an advanced practice registered nursing
9 program may practice in the State of Illinois in the role of
10 certified clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife,
11 certified nurse practitioner, or certified registered nurse
12 anesthetist until a decision is reached by the Department on
13 whether or not to grant the graduate a permanent license for
14 ~~not longer than 6 months~~ provided he or she submits all of the
15 following:

16 (1) An application for licensure as an advanced
17 practice registered nurse in Illinois and all fees
18 established by rule.

19 (2) Proof of an application to take the national
20 certification examination in the specialty.

21 (3) Proof of completion of a graduate advanced
22 practice education program that allows the applicant to be
23 eligible for national certification in a clinical advanced
24 practice registered nursing specialty and that allows the
25 applicant to be eligible for licensure in Illinois in the

1 area of his or her specialty.

2 (4) Proof that he or she is licensed in Illinois as a
3 registered professional nurse.

4 (b) License pending status shall preclude delegation of
5 prescriptive authority.

6 (c) A graduate practicing in accordance with this Section
7 must use the title "license pending certified clinical nurse
8 specialist", "license pending certified nurse midwife",
9 "license pending certified nurse practitioner", or "license
10 pending certified registered nurse anesthetist", whichever is
11 applicable.

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