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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5047

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5047, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

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

7 (225 ILCS 65/50-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/5-10)

8 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2028)

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

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

16 "Address of record" means the designated address recorded

1 by the Department in the applicant's or licensee's application  
2 file or license file as maintained by the Department's  
3 licensure maintenance unit.

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

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

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

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

23 "Center" means the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center.

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

1 patient care.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 "Focused nursing assessment" means an appraisal of an  
25 individual's status and current situation, contributing to the  
26 comprehensive nursing assessment performed by the registered

1 professional nurse or advanced practice registered nurse or  
2 the assessment by the physician assistant, physician, dentist,  
3 podiatric physician, or other licensed health care  
4 professional, as determined by the Department, supporting  
5 ongoing data collection, and deciding who needs to be informed  
6 of the information and when to inform.

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

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

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

22 (3) to possess the authority to prescribe medications,  
23 including Schedule II through V controlled substances, as  
24 provided in Section 65-43.

25 "Full practice authority-pending advanced practice  
26 registered nurse" means an advanced practice registered nurse

1 licensed in Illinois and certified as a nurse practitioner,  
2 clinical nurse specialist, or nurse midwife who has provided a  
3 notarized attestation of completion of at least 250 hours of  
4 continuing education or training in the advanced practice  
5 registered nurse's area of certification and at least 4,000  
6 hours of clinical experience after first attaining national  
7 certification and who has submitted an application to the  
8 Department to be granted full practice authority.

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

23 "Impaired nurse" means a nurse licensed under this Act who  
24 is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety because  
25 of a physical or mental disability as evidenced by a written  
26 determination or written consent based on clinical evidence,

1 including loss of motor skills, abuse of drugs or alcohol, or a  
2 psychiatric disorder, of sufficient degree to diminish his or  
3 her ability to deliver competent patient care.

4 "License-pending advanced practice registered nurse" means  
5 a registered professional nurse who has completed all  
6 requirements for licensure as an advanced practice registered  
7 nurse except the certification examination and has applied to  
8 take the next available certification exam and received a  
9 temporary permit from the Department.

10 "License-pending registered nurse" means a person who has  
11 passed the Department-approved registered nurse licensure exam  
12 and has applied for a license from the Department. A  
13 license-pending registered nurse shall use the title "RN lic  
14 pend" on all documentation related to nursing practice.

15 "Nursing intervention" means any treatment based on  
16 clinical nursing judgment or knowledge that a nurse performs.  
17 An individual or entity shall not mandate that a registered  
18 professional nurse delegate nursing interventions if the  
19 registered professional nurse determines it is inappropriate  
20 to do so. A nurse shall not be subject to disciplinary or any  
21 other adverse action for refusing to delegate a nursing  
22 intervention based on patient safety.

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

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

1 "Practical nurse" or "licensed practical nurse" means a  
2 person who is licensed as a practical nurse under this Act and  
3 practices practical nursing as defined in this Act. Only a  
4 practical nurse licensed under this Act is entitled to use the  
5 title "licensed practical nurse" and the abbreviation  
6 "L.P.N.".

7 "Practical nursing" means the performance of nursing  
8 interventions requiring the nursing knowledge, judgment, and  
9 skill acquired by means of completion of an approved practical  
10 nursing education program. Practical nursing includes  
11 assisting in the nursing process under the guidance of a  
12 registered professional nurse or an advanced practice  
13 registered nurse. The practical nurse may work under the  
14 direction of a licensed physician, dentist, podiatric  
15 physician, or other health care professional determined by the  
16 Department.

17 "Privileged" means the authorization granted by the  
18 governing body of a healthcare facility, agency, or  
19 organization to provide specific patient care services within  
20 well-defined limits, based on qualifications reviewed in the  
21 credentialing process.

22 "Registered Nurse" or "Registered Professional Nurse"  
23 means a person who is licensed as a professional nurse under  
24 this Act and practices nursing as defined in this Act. Only a  
25 registered nurse licensed under this Act is entitled to use  
26 the titles "registered nurse" and "registered professional

1 nurse" and the abbreviation, "R.N.".

2 "Registered professional nursing practice" means a  
3 scientific process founded on a professional body of knowledge  
4 that includes, but is not limited to, the protection,  
5 promotion, and optimization of health and abilities,  
6 prevention of illness and injury, development and  
7 implementation of the nursing plan of care, facilitation of  
8 nursing interventions to alleviate suffering, care  
9 coordination, and advocacy in the care of individuals,  
10 families, groups, communities, and populations. "Registered  
11 professional nursing practice" does not include the act of  
12 medical diagnosis or prescription of medical therapeutic or  
13 corrective measures.

14 "Professional assistance program for nurses" means a  
15 professional assistance program that meets criteria  
16 established by the Board of Nursing and approved by the  
17 Secretary, which provides a non-disciplinary treatment  
18 approach for nurses licensed under this Act whose ability to  
19 practice is compromised by alcohol or chemical substance  
20 addiction.

21 "Secretary" means the Secretary of Financial and  
22 Professional Regulation.

23 "Unencumbered license" means a license issued in good  
24 standing.

25 "Written collaborative agreement" means a written  
26 agreement between an advanced practice registered nurse and a



1 collaborating physician, dentist, or podiatric physician  
2 pursuant to Section 65-35.

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

4 (225 ILCS 65/55-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/10-30)

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

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

7 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements  
8 of this Section is eligible for licensure as a licensed  
9 practical nurse.

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

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

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

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

23 (4) (blank);

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

1 Act;

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

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

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 under this Act within 3 years  
15 of the date of initial application, the application shall be  
16 denied. When an applicant's application is denied due to the  
17 failure to pass the examination within the 3-year period, that  
18 applicant must undertake an additional course of education as  
19 defined by rule prior to submitting a new application for  
20 licensure. Any new application must be accompanied by the  
21 required fee, evidence of meeting the requirements in force at  
22 the time of the new application, and evidence of completion of  
23 the additional course of education prescribed by rule.

24 An applicant may take and successfully complete a  
25 Department-approved examination in another jurisdiction.  
26 However, an applicant who has never been licensed previously

1 in any jurisdiction that utilizes a Department-approved  
2 examination and who has taken and failed to pass the  
3 examination within 3 years after filing the application must  
4 submit proof of successful completion of a  
5 Department-authorized nursing education program or  
6 recompletion of an approved licensed practical nursing program  
7 prior to re-application.

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

14 (d) A licensed practical nurse applicant who passes the  
15 Department-approved licensure examination and has applied to  
16 the Department for licensure may obtain employment as a  
17 license-pending practical nurse and practice as delegated by a  
18 registered professional nurse or an advanced practice  
19 registered nurse or physician. An individual may be employed  
20 as a license-pending practical nurse if all of the following  
21 criteria are met:

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

26 (2) He or she has completed and submitted to the

1 Department an application for licensure under this Section  
2 as a practical nurse.

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

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

8 (e) The privilege to practice as a license-pending  
9 practical nurse shall terminate with the occurrence of any of  
10 the following:

11 (1) Six ~~Three~~ months have passed since the official  
12 date of passing the licensure exam as inscribed on the  
13 formal written notification indicating passage of the  
14 exam. This 6-month ~~3-month~~ period may be extended as  
15 determined by rule.

16 (2) Receipt of the practical nurse license from the  
17 Department.

18 (3) Notification from the Department that the  
19 application for licensure has been denied.

20 (4) A request by the Department that the individual  
21 terminate practicing as a license-pending practical nurse  
22 until an official decision is made by the Department to  
23 grant or deny a practical nurse license.

24 (f) (Blank).

25 (g) All applicants for practical nurse licensure by  
26 examination who are graduates of nursing educational programs

1 in a country other than the United States or its territories  
2 shall have their nursing education credentials evaluated by a  
3 Department-approved nursing credentialing evaluation service.  
4 No such applicant may be issued a license under this Act unless  
5 the applicant's program is deemed by the nursing credentialing  
6 evaluation service to be equivalent to a professional nursing  
7 education program approved by the Department. An applicant who  
8 has graduated from a nursing educational program outside of  
9 the United States or its territories and whose first language  
10 is not English shall submit evidence of English proficiency,  
11 as defined by rule.

12 (h) (Blank).

13 (i) (Blank).

14 (j) (Blank).

15 (k) (Blank).

16 (l) (Blank).

17 (m) All applicants for practical nurse licensure have 3  
18 years from the date of application to complete the application  
19 process. If the process has not been completed within 3 years  
20 from the date of application, the application shall be denied,  
21 the fee forfeited, and the applicant must reapply and meet the  
22 requirements in effect at the time of reapplication.

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

24 (225 ILCS 65/60-10)

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

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

2           (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements  
3 of this Section is eligible for licensure as a registered  
4 professional nurse.

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

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

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

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

18           (4) (blank);

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

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

1 for examination has been received and acknowledged by the  
2 Department or the designated testing service shall result  
3 in the forfeiture of the examination fee; and

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

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

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

23 (b-4) All professional nursing programs in probationary  
24 status on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
25 103rd General Assembly and subject to a program revision plan  
26 shall be deemed in good standing for a period of 3 years

1 beginning on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
2 103rd General Assembly. Prior to September 1, 2026, no  
3 professional nursing program shall be placed on probationary  
4 status for failing to reach a passage rate of less than 75%.

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

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

23 (d) An applicant for licensure by examination who passes  
24 the Department-approved licensure examination for professional  
25 nursing may obtain employment as a license-pending registered  
26 nurse and practice under the direction of a registered



1 professional nurse or an advanced practice registered nurse  
2 until such time as he or she receives his or her license to  
3 practice or until the license is denied. In no instance shall  
4 any such applicant practice or be employed in any management  
5 capacity. An individual may be employed as a license-pending  
6 registered nurse if all of the following criteria are met:

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

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

14 (3) He or she has submitted the required licensure  
15 fee.

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

19 (e) The privilege to practice as a license-pending  
20 registered nurse shall terminate with the occurrence of any of  
21 the following:

22 (1) Six ~~Three~~ months have passed since the official  
23 date of passing the licensure exam as inscribed on the  
24 formal written notification indicating passage of the  
25 exam. The 6-month license-pending ~~3-month license pending~~  
26 period may be extended if more time is needed by the

1 Department to process the licensure application.

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

4 (3) Notification from the Department that the  
5 application for licensure has been refused.

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

10 (f) (Blank).

11 (g) (Blank).

12 (h) (Blank).

13 (i) (Blank).

14 (j) (Blank).

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

22 (l) All applicants for registered nurse licensure by  
23 examination who are graduates of practical nursing educational  
24 programs in a country other than the United States and its  
25 territories shall have their nursing education credentials  
26 evaluated by a Department-approved nursing credentialing

1 evaluation service. No such applicant may be issued a license  
2 under this Act unless the applicant's program is deemed by the  
3 nursing credentialing evaluation service to be equivalent to a  
4 professional nursing education program approved by the  
5 Department. An applicant who has graduated from a nursing  
6 educational program outside of the United States or its  
7 territories and whose first language is not English shall  
8 submit evidence of English proficiency, as defined by rule.

9 (m) (Blank).

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

11 (225 ILCS 65/65-10) (was 225 ILCS 65/15-13)

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

13 Sec. 65-10. APRN license-pending ~~license pending~~ status.

14 (a) A graduate of an advanced practice registered nursing  
15 program may practice in the State of Illinois in the role of  
16 certified clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse midwife,  
17 certified nurse practitioner, or certified registered nurse  
18 anesthetist for not longer than 6 months provided he or she  
19 submits all of the following:

20 (1) An application for licensure as an advanced  
21 practice registered nurse in Illinois and all fees  
22 established by rule.

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

25 (3) Proof of completion of a graduate advanced

1 practice education program that allows the applicant to be  
2 eligible for national certification in a clinical advanced  
3 practice registered nursing specialty and that allows the  
4 applicant to be eligible for licensure in Illinois in the  
5 area of his or her specialty.

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

8 (b) License-pending ~~license pending~~ status shall preclude  
9 delegation of prescriptive authority.

10 (c) A graduate practicing in accordance with this Section  
11 must use the title "license-pending ~~license pending~~ certified  
12 clinical nurse specialist", "license-pending ~~license pending~~  
13 certified nurse midwife", "license-pending ~~license pending~~  
14 certified nurse practitioner", or "license-pending ~~license~~  
15 ~~pending~~ certified registered nurse anesthetist", whichever is  
16 applicable.

17 (d) A licensed advanced practice registered nurse  
18 certified as a nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, or  
19 nurse practitioner who files with the Department a notarized  
20 attestation of completion of at least 250 hours of continuing  
21 education or training in the advanced practice registered  
22 nurse's area of certification and at least 4,000 hours of  
23 clinical experience after first attaining national  
24 certification and thus having met the requirements to be  
25 granted full practice authority shall be granted the authority  
26 to practice as a full practice authority-pending advanced

1 practice registered nurse under the supervision of a full  
2 practice advanced practice registered nurse or a physician for  
3 a period of 6 months.

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