

1 AN ACT concerning nurses.

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

4 Section 5. The Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act  
5 is amended by changing Section 15-10 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/15-10)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2008)

8 Sec. 15-10. Advanced practice nurse; qualifications;  
9 roster.

10 (a) A person shall be qualified for licensure as an  
11 advanced practice nurse if that person:

12 (1) has applied in writing in form and substance  
13 satisfactory to the Department and has not violated a  
14 provision of this Act or the rules adopted under this  
15 Act. The Department may take into consideration any  
16 felony conviction of the applicant but a conviction shall  
17 not operate as an absolute bar to licensure;

18 (2) holds a current license to practice as a  
19 registered nurse in Illinois;

20 (3) has successfully completed requirements to  
21 practice as, and holds a current, national certification  
22 as, a nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, nurse  
23 practitioner, or certified registered nurse anesthetist  
24 from the appropriate national certifying body as  
25 determined by rule of the Department;

26 (4) has paid the required fees as set by rule; and

27 (5) has successfully completed a post-basic  
28 advanced practice formal education program in the area of  
29 his or her nursing specialty.

30 (b) In addition to meeting the requirements of  
31 subsection (a), except item (5) of that subsection, beginning

1 July 1, 2001 or 12 months after the adoption of final rules  
2 to implement this Section, whichever is sooner, applicants  
3 for initial licensure shall have a graduate degree  
4 appropriate for national certification in a clinical advanced  
5 practice nursing specialty.

6 (b-5) A registered professional nurse seeking licensure  
7 as an advanced practice nurse in the category of certified  
8 registered nurse anesthetist who does not have a graduate  
9 degree as described in subsection (b) shall be qualified for  
10 licensure if that person:

11 (1) submits evidence of having successfully  
12 completed a nurse anesthesia program described in item  
13 (5) of subsection (a) of this Section prior to January 1,  
14 1999;

15 (2) submits evidence of certification as a  
16 registered nurse anesthetist by an appropriate national  
17 certifying body, as determined by rule of the Department;  
18 and

19 (3) has continually maintained active, up-to-date  
20 recertification status as a certified registered nurse  
21 anesthetist by an appropriate national recertifying body,  
22 as determined by rule of the Department.

23 (c) The Department shall provide by rule for APN  
24 licensure of registered professional nurses who (1) apply for  
25 licensure before July 1, 2001 and (2) submit evidence of  
26 completion of a program described in item (5) of subsection  
27 (a) or in subsection (b) and evidence of practice for at  
28 least 10 years as a nurse practitioner.

29 (d) The Department shall maintain a separate roster of  
30 advanced practice nurses licensed under this Title and their  
31 licenses shall indicate "Registered Nurse/Advanced Practice  
32 Nurse".

33 (Source: P.A. 90-742, eff. 8-13-98; 91-414, eff. 8-6-99.)

1           Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
2    becoming law.