

# HB4540



## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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**HB4540**

by Rep. John E. Bradley

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 65/55-5

Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning LPN education program requirements.

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A BILL FOR

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 changing  
5 Section 55-5 as follows:

6 (225 ILCS 65/55-5)

7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)

8 Sec. 55-5. LPN education program requirements.

9 (a) All Illinois practical nurse education programs must be  
10 reviewed by the ~~the~~ Board and approved by the Department before  
11 the successful completion of such a program may be applied  
12 toward meeting the requirements for practical nurse licensure  
13 under this Act. Any program changing the level of educational  
14 preparation or the relationship with or to the parent  
15 institution or establishing an extension of an existing program  
16 must request a review by the Board and approval by the  
17 Department. The Board shall review and make a recommendation  
18 for the approval or disapproval of a program by the Department  
19 based on the following criteria:

20 (1) a feasibility study that describes the need for the  
21 program and the facilities used, the potential of the  
22 program to recruit faculty and students, financial support  
23 for the program, and other criteria, as established by

1 rule;

2 (2) program curriculum that meets all State  
3 requirements;

4 (3) the administration of the program by a Nurse  
5 Administrator and the involvement of a Nurse Administrator  
6 in the development of the program; and

7 (4) the occurrence of a site visit prior to approval.

8 (b) In order to obtain initial Department approval and to  
9 maintain Department approval, a practical nursing program must  
10 meet all of the following requirements:

11 (1) The program must continually be administered by a  
12 Nurse Administrator.

13 (2) The institution responsible for conducting the  
14 program and the Nurse Administrator must ensure that  
15 individual faculty members are academically and  
16 professionally competent.

17 (3) The program curriculum must contain all applicable  
18 requirements established by rule, including both theory  
19 and clinical components.

20 (4) The passage rates of the program's graduating  
21 classes on the State-approved licensure exam must be deemed  
22 satisfactory by the Department.

23 (c) Program site visits to an institution conducting or  
24 hosting a practical nursing program may be made at the  
25 discretion of the Nursing Coordinator or upon recommendation of  
26 the Board.

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 (Source: P.A. 95-639, eff. 10-5-07.)