

## 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2007 and 2008 SB2248

Introduced 2/14/2008, by Sen. Kirk W. Dillard

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 65/65-5

was 225 ILCS 65/15-10

Amends the Nurse Practice Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning qualifications for licensure as an advanced practice nurse.

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1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

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

- Section 5. The Nurse Practice Act is amended by changing Section 65-5 as follows:
- 6 (225 ILCS 65/65-5) (was 225 ILCS 65/15-10)
- 7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)
- 8 Sec. 65-5. Oualifications for APN licensure.
- 9 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets <u>the</u> the
  10 requirements of this Section shall be entitled to licensure as
  11 an advanced practice nurse.
- 12 (b) An applicant for licensure to practice as an advanced 13 practice nurse must do each of the following:
- 14 (1) Submit a completed application and any fees as 15 established by the Department.
- 16 (2) Hold a current license to practice as a registered 17 professional nurse under this Act.
- 18 (3) Have successfully completed requirements to
  19 practice as, and holds a current, national certification
  20 as, a nurse midwife, clinical nurse specialist, nurse
  21 practitioner, or certified registered nurse anesthetist
  22 from the appropriate national certifying body as
  23 determined by rule of the Department.

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- (4) Have obtained a graduate degree appropriate for national certification in a clinical advanced practice nursing specialty or a graduate degree or post-master's certificate from a graduate level program in a clinical advanced practice nursing specialty.
- (5) Have not violated the provisions of this Act concerning the grounds for disciplinary action. The Department may take into consideration any felony conviction of the applicant, but such a conviction may not operate as an absolute bar to licensure.
- (6) Submit to the criminal history records check required under Section 50-35 of this Act.
- (c) Those applicants seeking licensure in more than one advanced practice nursing specialty need not possess multiple graduate degrees. Applicants may be eligible for licenses for multiple advanced practice nurse licensure specialties, provided that the applicant (i) has met the requirements for at least one advanced practice nursing specialty under paragraphs (3) and (5) of subsection (a) of this Section, (ii) possesses an additional graduate education that results in a certificate for another clinical advanced practice nurse specialty and that meets the requirements for the national certification from the appropriate nursing specialty, and (iii) holds a current certification from the appropriate national certifying body for that additional advanced practice nursing specialty.

- (d) Any person who holds a valid license as an advanced practice nurse issued under this Act as this Act existed before the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall be subject only to the advanced practice nurse license renewal requirements of this Act as this Act exists on and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly upon the expiration of that license.
- 8 (Source: P.A. 94-348, eff. 7-28-05; 95-639, eff. 10-5-07.)