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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Nursys (www.nursys.com) is the national nurse licensure database operated by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN), located in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Boards of nursing in 48 states and territories presently participate in Nursys and 3 additional jurisdictions have signed agreements to fully participate in Nursys; and

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WHEREAS, Nursys is a vital tool for boards of nursing to protect the public; and

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WHEREAS, Full-participating boards of nursing contribute licensure and discipline data to Nursys; and

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WHEREAS, Participation in Nursys is a no-cost benefit to members of NCSBN and allows member boards of nursing to share licensure and discipline data with other boards of nursing; and

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WHEREAS, Participating boards of nursing retain complete control of their data and are thus responsible and accountable for their data in Nursys; and

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WHEREAS, Nursys contains personal, licensure, education, verification, and discipline information supplied as regular

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1 updates by boards of nursing in the U.S. and its territories;
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3 WHEREAS, Nursys provides centralized license information
4 to boards of nursing, which in turn, use this data to verify
5 applicant license information, enter and review disciplinary
6 actions, and send electronic communications between boards of
7 nursing for information requests; and

8 WHEREAS, Employers and the public have free online access
9 to information about nurses who hold a license in a Nursys
10 fully-participating jurisdiction, including past disciplinary
11 history via the "Licensure Quick Confirm" feature on
12 www.nursys.com; and

13 WHEREAS, The Illinois Board of Nursing's current online
14 licensure lookup service will only display Illinois licenses
15 and does not display additional licenses held by Illinois
16 licensees in other jurisdictions; and

17 WHEREAS, The Illinois Board of Nursing is a dues-paying
18 member of NCSBN, but does not fully participate in the Nursys
19 database; and

20 WHEREAS, The Illinois Board of Nursing will not incur any
21 revenue loss by full participation in Nursys in view of

1 participation in the license verification service being
2 optional; and

3 WHEREAS, As a public protection function of Nursys, a board
4 of nursing that fully participates in Nursys receives immediate
5 notification whenever one of its state licensees is disciplined
6 in another jurisdiction, while, as a non-participant in Nursys,
7 Illinois does not benefit from such instant notifications;
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
10 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
11 we urge the Illinois Board of Nursing of the Illinois
12 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation to take the
13 necessary steps to become a full participant of the Nursys
14 national nurse licensure database; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That we further urge the Illinois Board of
16 Nursing to sign the Nursys participation agreement in 2012; and
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
19 delivered to the Illinois Board of Nursing of the Illinois
20 Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.