

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 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7 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2018)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. Qualifications for APN licensure.

9 (a) Each applicant who successfully meets the requirements  
10 of this Section shall be entitled to licensure as an advanced  
11 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 and maintains a current, national  
20 certification as, a nurse midwife, clinical nurse  
21 specialist, nurse practitioner, or certified registered  
22 nurse anesthetist from the appropriate national certifying  
23 body as determined by rule of the Department.

1           (4) Have obtained a graduate degree appropriate for  
2 national certification in a clinical advanced practice  
3 nursing specialty or a graduate degree or post-master's  
4 certificate from a graduate level program in a clinical  
5 advanced practice nursing specialty.

6           (5) Have not violated the provisions of this Act  
7 concerning the grounds for disciplinary action. The  
8 Department may take into consideration any felony  
9 conviction of the applicant, but such a conviction may not  
10 operate as an absolute bar to licensure.

11           (6) Submit to the criminal history records check  
12 required under Section 50-35 of this Act.

13           (b-5) A registered professional nurse seeking licensure as  
14 an advanced practice nurse in the category of certified  
15 registered nurse anesthetist who does not have a graduate  
16 degree as described in subsection (b) of this Section shall be  
17 qualified for licensure if that person:

18           (1) submits evidence of having successfully completed  
19 a nurse anesthesia program described in item (4) of  
20 subsection (b) of this Section prior to January 1, 1999;

21           (2) submits evidence of certification as a registered  
22 nurse anesthetist by an appropriate national certifying  
23 body; and

24           (3) has continually maintained active, up-to-date  
25 recertification status as a certified registered nurse  
26 anesthetist by an appropriate national recertifying body.

1 (b-10) The Department shall issue a certified registered  
2 nurse anesthetist license to an APN who (i) does not have a  
3 graduate degree, (ii) applies for licensure before July 1,  
4 2018, and (iii) submits all of the following to the Department:

5 (1) His or her current State registered nurse license  
6 number.

7 (2) Proof of current national certification, which  
8 includes the completion of an examination from either of  
9 the following:

10 (A) the Council on Certification of the American  
11 Association of Nurse Anesthetists; or

12 (B) the Council on Recertification of the American  
13 Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

14 (3) Proof of the successful completion of a post-basic  
15 advanced practice formal education program in the area of  
16 nurse anesthesia prior to January 1, 1999.

17 (4) His or her complete work history for the 5-year  
18 period immediately preceding the date of his or her  
19 application.

20 (5) Verification of licensure as an advanced practice  
21 nurse from the state in which he or she was originally  
22 licensed, current state of licensure, and any other state  
23 in which he or she has been actively practicing as an  
24 advanced practice nurse within the 5-year period  
25 immediately preceding the date of his or her application.  
26 If applicable, this verification must state:

1 (A) the time during which he or she was licensed in  
2 each state, including the date of the original issuance  
3 of each license; and

4 (B) any disciplinary action taken or pending  
5 concerning any nursing license held, currently or in  
6 the past, by the applicant.

7 (6) The required fee.

8 (c) Those applicants seeking licensure in more than one  
9 advanced practice nursing specialty need not possess multiple  
10 graduate degrees. Applicants may be eligible for licenses for  
11 multiple advanced practice nurse licensure specialties,  
12 provided that the applicant (i) has met the requirements for at  
13 least one advanced practice nursing specialty under paragraphs  
14 (3) and (5) of subsection (a) of this Section, (ii) possesses  
15 an additional graduate education that results in a certificate  
16 for another clinical advanced practice nurse specialty and that  
17 meets the requirements for the national certification from the  
18 appropriate nursing specialty, and (iii) holds a current  
19 national certification from the appropriate national  
20 certifying body for that additional advanced practice nursing  
21 specialty.

22 ~~(d) Any person who holds a valid license as an advanced~~  
23 ~~practice nurse issued under this Act as this Act existed before~~  
24 ~~the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General~~  
25 ~~Assembly shall be subject only to the advanced practice nurse~~  
26 ~~license renewal requirements of this Act as this Act exists on~~

1 ~~and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th~~  
2 ~~General Assembly upon the expiration of that license.~~

3 (Source: P.A. 95-639, eff. 10-5-07; 96-189, eff. 8-10-09.)