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SYNOPSIS

Expands continuing education requirements for nurses.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 5/5/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning continuing education for nurses and
2 supplementing Title 45 of the Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. The New Jersey Board of Nursing shall require that the
8 number of credits of continuing education required of each person
9 licensed as a professional nurse or a practical nurse, as a condition
10 of biennial license renewal, include one credit of educational
11 programs or topics concerning domestic violence.

12 b. The New Jersey Board of Nursing may, in its discretion,
13 waive the continuing education requirement in subsection a. of this
14 section on an individual basis for reasons of hardship, such as
15 illness or disability, retirement of the license, or other good cause.
16 A waiver shall apply only to the current biennial renewal period at
17 the time of board issuance.

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19 2. The New Jersey Board of Nursing, pursuant to the
20 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
21 seq.), shall adopt rules and regulations if necessary to effectuate the
22 purposes of this act.

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24 3. This act shall take effect 90 days after the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill expands continuing education requirements for nurses.

30 Under the bill, the New Jersey Board of Nursing (board) is to
31 require that the number of credits of continuing education required
32 of each person licensed as a professional nurse or a practical nurse,
33 as a condition of biennial license renewal, include one credit of
34 educational programs or topics concerning domestic violence. The
35 board may, in its discretion, waive the continuing education
36 requirement on an individual basis for reasons of hardship, such as
37 illness or disability, retirement of the license, or other good cause.
38 A waiver is to apply only to the current biennial renewal period at
39 the time of board issuance.