

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

Act 61 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005

A Bill

SENATE BILL 21

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5 By: Senator Faris
6 By: Representative S. Prater

For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ONLINE RENEWAL OF NURSE
11 LICENSES; TO REPEAL AN UNUSED REQUIREMENT FOR
12 OVERSIGHT BY THE HOUSE AND SENATE INTERIM
13 COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND LABOR;
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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17 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ONLINE RENEWAL OF
18 NURSE LICENSES AND TO REPEAL AN UNUSED
19 REQUIREMENT FOR OVERSIGHT BY INTERIM
20 COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-308 is amended to read as follows:
26 17-87-308. Renewal of licenses.

27 (a)(1) The Arkansas State Board of Nursing shall prescribe the
28 procedure for the cyclical biennial renewal of licenses to every person
29 licensed by the board.

30 (2) In each case, the board shall mail ~~an application a~~
31 notification for renewal to the licensee at least thirty (30) days prior to
32 the expiration date of the license.

33 (b) Upon receipt of the application and the fee, the board shall
34 verify the accuracy of the application and ~~issue to the applicant a~~
35 ~~certificate of renewal~~ renew the license for a period to expire on the last



1 day of the current biennial cycle.

2 (c) The renewal shall render the holder thereof a legal practitioner
 3 of nursing for the period stated ~~in the certificate of renewal~~ in subsection
 4 (b) of this section.

5 ~~(d) The procedure prescribed by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing~~
 6 ~~for license renewal shall not be implemented until the proposal has been~~
 7 ~~reviewed by the House and Senate Interim Committees on Public Health,~~
 8 ~~Welfare, and Labor or appropriate subcommittees thereof of the General~~
 9 ~~Assembly.~~

10 ~~(e)(d)~~ Any licensee who allows his or her license to lapse by failing
 11 to renew the license as provided in this section may be reinstated by the
 12 board on payment of the renewal fee plus a penalty.

13 ~~(f)(e)~~ Any person practicing nursing during the time his or her
 14 license has lapsed shall be considered an illegal practitioner and shall be
 15 subject to the penalties provided for violations of this chapter.

16 ~~(g)(f)~~(1)(A) An individual may place his or her license on inactive
 17 status with written notification to the board.

18 (B) The holder of an inactive license shall not practice
 19 nursing in this state.

20 (2)(A) The provisions relating to the denial, suspension, and
 21 revocation of a license shall be applicable to an inactive or lapsed license.

22 (B) When proceedings to suspend or revoke an inactive
 23 license or otherwise discipline the holder of an inactive license have been
 24 initiated, the license shall not be reinstated until the proceedings have
 25 been completed.

26 (3) An inactive license may be placed in an active status upon
 27 compliance with the rules established by the board.

28 ~~(h)(g)~~ As a condition of licensure renewal, an advanced practice nurse
 29 shall submit proof of current national certification and successful
 30 completion of continuing education as required by the board.

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 33 ~~APPROVED: 2/07/2005~~

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