

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.
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1 State of Arkansas
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1434

5 By: Representative S. Prater
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
10 BOARD OF THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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14 THE BOARD OF THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF
15 NURSING.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 17-87-201 is amended to read as follows:
22 17-87-201. Creation – Members.

23 (a) There is created the Arkansas State Board of Nursing, to be
24 composed of thirteen (13) members to be appointed by the Governor for terms
25 of four (4) years, subject to confirmation by the Senate.

26 (b)(1) Six (6) members shall be registered nurses whose highest level
27 of educational preparation shall be as follows:

28 (A) Two (2) diploma-school graduates;

29 (B) Two (2) associate degree graduates; and

30 (C) Two (2) baccalaureate degree or postbaccalaureate
31 degree graduates.

32 (2) Each registered nurse member of the board shall have the
33 following qualifications:

34 (A) Be an Arkansas resident;

35 (B) Have at least five (5) years of successful experience



1 as a registered nurse in nursing practice, administration, or teaching;

2 (C) Be licensed in Arkansas as a registered nurse; and

3 (D) Have been employed as a registered nurse for at least
4 three (3) years immediately preceding appointment, two (2) of which shall
5 have been in Arkansas.

6 (c)(1) One (1) member shall be a licensed advanced practice nurse.

7 (2) The licensed advanced practice nurse board member shall have
8 the following qualifications:

9 (A) Be an Arkansas resident;

10 (B) Have at least five (5) years of experience as an
11 advanced practice nurse;

12 (C) Be licensed in Arkansas as an advanced practice nurse;

13 (D) Have been actively engaged in nursing for at least
14 three (3) years immediately preceding appointment, two (2) of which shall
15 have been in Arkansas; and

16 (E) Have a certificate granting prescriptive authority.

17 (d)(1) ~~Three (3)~~ Four (4) members shall be licensed practical nurses
18 or licensed psychiatric technician nurses.

19 (2) Each licensed practical nurse board member or licensed
20 psychiatric technician nurse board member shall have the following
21 qualifications:

22 (A) Be an Arkansas resident;

23 (B) Have at least five (5) years of successful experience
24 as a practical nurse or psychiatric technician nurse or as a teacher in an
25 educational program to prepare practitioners of nursing;

26 (C) Be licensed in Arkansas as a licensed practical nurse
27 or licensed psychiatric technician nurse; and

28 (D) Have been employed as a licensed practical nurse or as
29 a licensed psychiatric technician nurse for at least three (3) years
30 immediately preceding appointment, two (2) of which shall have been in
31 Arkansas.

32 ~~(e)(1) One (1) member shall be a licensed psychiatric technician nurse.~~

33 ~~(2) Each licensed psychiatric technician nurse board member shall~~
34 ~~have the following qualifications:~~

35 ~~(A) Be an Arkansas resident;~~

36 ~~(B) Have at least five (5) years successful experience as a~~

~~psychiatric technician nurse or as a teacher in an educational program to prepare persons for licensure as a licensed psychiatric technician nurse;~~

~~(C) Be licensed in Arkansas as a licensed psychiatric technician nurse; and~~

~~(D) Have been actively engaged in nursing as a licensed psychiatric technician nurse for at least three (3) years immediately preceding appointment, two (2) of which shall have been in Arkansas.~~

~~(f)(e)~~ One (1) member shall be a lay person representing consumers of health care services.

~~(g)(f)~~ One (1) member of the board shall not be actively engaged in or retired from the profession of nursing, shall be sixty (60) years of age or older, and shall be the representative of the elderly. This member shall be appointed from the state at large, subject to confirmation by the Senate, and shall be a full voting member but shall not participate in the grading of examinations.

~~(h)(g)~~ The consumer representative and the representative of the elderly positions may not be filled by the same person.

~~(i)(h)~~ No member shall be appointed to more than two (2) consecutive terms.

~~(j)(i)~~ Board members may receive expense reimbursement and stipends in accordance with § 25-16-901 et seq.

~~(k)(j)~~ In order to effectuate a more even staggering of the terms of nurse members of the board, the term of one (1) of the registered nurses whose term will expire on October 1, 1999, is extended to October 1, 2001, and the term of the advanced practice nurse whose term will expired on October 1, 1999, is extended to October 1, 2002. The Governor shall designate the registered nurse whose term is to be extended pursuant to this subsection. Thereafter, the The terms of all registered nurse members and advanced practice nurse members shall be four (4) years.

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