

SENATE BILL No. 105

AN ACT concerning the board of nursing; amending K.S.A. 65-1117, 65-1132, 65-1155 and 65-4205 and repealing the existing sections.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 65-1117 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1117. (a) All licenses issued under the provisions of this act, whether initial or renewal, shall expire every two years. The expiration date shall be established by the rules and regulations of the board. The board shall ~~mail an application~~ *send a notice* for renewal of license to every registered professional nurse and licensed practical nurse at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of such person's license. Every person so licensed who desires to renew such license shall file with the board, on or before the date of expiration of such license, a renewal application together with the prescribed biennial renewal fee. Every licensee who is no longer engaged in the active practice of nursing may so state by affidavit and submit such affidavit with the renewal application. An inactive license may be requested along with payment of a fee which shall be fixed by rules and regulations of the board. Except for the first renewal ~~period for a license that expires within 30 months~~ following licensure *by examination or for renewal of a license that expires within* the first nine months following licensure by reinstatement or endorsement, ~~the board shall require~~ every licensee with an active nursing license ~~to~~ *shall* submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing nursing education required by the board. The board by duly adopted rules and regulations shall establish the requirements for such program of continuing nursing education. Continuing nursing education means learning experiences intended to build upon the educational and experiential bases of the registered professional and licensed practical nurse for the enhancement of practice, education, administration, research or theory development to the end of improving the health of the public. Upon receipt of such application, payment of fee, upon receipt of the evidence of satisfactory completion of the required program of continuing nursing education and upon being satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in K.S.A. 65-1115 or 65-1116 and amendments thereto in effect at the time of initial licensure of the applicant, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and grant a renewal license.

(b) Any person who fails to secure a renewal license within the time specified herein may secure a reinstatement of such lapsed license by making verified application therefor on a form provided by the board, by rules and regulations, and upon furnishing proof that the applicant is competent and qualified to act as a registered professional nurse or licensed practical nurse and by satisfying all of the requirements for reinstatement including payment to the board of a reinstatement fee as established by the board. A reinstatement application for licensure will be held awaiting completion of such documentation as may be required, but such application shall not be held for a period of time in excess of that specified in rules and regulations.

(c) (1) Each licensee shall notify the board in writing of (A) a change in name or address within 30 days of the change *or: (B) a conviction of any felony or misdemeanor, that is specified in rules and regulations adopted by the board, within 30 days from the date the conviction becomes final.*

(2) *As used in this subsection, "conviction" means a final conviction without regard to whether the sentence was suspended or probation granted after such conviction. Also, for the purposes of this subsection, a forfeiture of bail, bond or collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in court, which forfeiture has not been vacated, shall be equivalent to a conviction.* Failure to so notify the board shall not constitute a defense in an action relating to failure to renew a license, nor shall it constitute a defense in any other proceeding.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 65-1132 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1132. (a) All certificates of qualification issued under the provisions of this act, whether initial or renewal, shall expire every two years. The expiration date shall be established by rules and regulations of the board. The board shall ~~mail an application~~ *send a notice* for renewal of a certificate of qualification to every advanced registered nurse practitioner at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of such person's license. Every person who desires to renew such certificate of qualification shall file with

the board, on or before the date of expiration of such certificate of qualification, a renewal application together with the prescribed biennial renewal fee. Upon receipt of such application and payment of any applicable fee, and upon being satisfied that the applicant for renewal of a certificate of qualification meets the requirements established by the board under K.S.A. 65-1130 and amendments thereto in effect at the time of initial qualification of the applicant, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and grant a renewal certificate of qualification.

(b) Any person who fails to secure a renewal certificate of qualification prior to the expiration of the certificate of qualification may secure a reinstatement of such lapsed certificate of qualification by making application therefor on a form provided by the board, upon furnishing proof that the applicant is competent and qualified to act as an advanced registered nurse practitioner and upon satisfying all of the requirements for reinstatement including payment to the board of a reinstatement fee as established by the board.

Sec. 3. K.S.A. 65-1155 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-1155. (a) All authorizations to practice under this act, whether initial or renewal, shall expire every two years. The biennial authorizations to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist shall expire at the same time as the license to practice as a registered nurse. The board shall ~~mail an application~~ *send a notice* for renewal of the authorization to practice to every registered nurse anesthetist at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of such person's authorization to practice. To renew such authorization to practice the registered nurse anesthetist shall file with the board, before the date of expiration of such authorization to practice, a renewal application together with the prescribed biennial renewal fee. Upon satisfaction of the requirements of subsection (a) of K.S.A. 65-1159 and amendments thereto the board shall grant the renewal of an authorization to practice as a registered nurse anesthetist to the applicant.

(b) Any person who fails to secure the renewal of an authorization to practice prior to the expiration of the authorization may secure a reinstatement of such lapsed authorization by making application on a form provided by the board. Such reinstatement shall be granted upon receipt of proof that the applicant is competent and qualified to act as a registered nurse anesthetist, has satisfied all of the requirements and has paid the board a reinstatement fee as established by the board by rules and regulations in accordance with K.S.A. 65-1118 and amendments thereto.

Sec. 4. K.S.A. 65-4205 is hereby amended to read as follows: 65-4205. (a) The board shall ~~mail an application~~ *send a notice* for renewal of license to all licensed mental health technicians at least 60 days prior to the expiration date of December 31. Every mental health technician who desires to renew a license shall file with the board, on or before December 31 of even-numbered years, a renewal application together with the prescribed renewal fee. Every licensee who is no longer engaged in the active practice of mental health technology may so state by affidavit and submit such affidavit with the renewal application. An inactive license may be requested along with payment of a fee as determined by rules and regulations of the board.

Except for the first renewal ~~period~~ *period for a license that expires within 30 months* following licensure ~~by examination~~ *or for renewal of a license that expires within the first nine months* following licensure by reinstatement or endorsement, ~~the board shall require~~ every licensee with an active mental health technology license ~~to~~ *shall* submit with the renewal application evidence of satisfactory completion of a program of continuing education required by the board. The board by duly adopted rules and regulations shall establish the requirements for such program of continuing education. Continuing education means learning experiences intended to build upon the educational and experiential bases of the licensed mental health technician for the enhancement of practice, education, administration, research or theory development to the end of improving the health of the public.

Upon receipt of such application and evidence of satisfactory completion of the required program of continuing education and upon being satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements set forth in K.S.A. 65-4203 and amendments thereto in effect at the time of initial licensure of

the applicant, the board shall verify the accuracy of the application and grant a renewal license.

(b) Any licensee who fails to secure a renewal license within the time specified may secure a reinstatement of such lapsed license by making verified application therefor on a form prescribed by the board together with the prescribed reinstatement fee and, satisfactory evidence as required by the board that the applicant is presently competent and qualified to perform the responsibilities of a mental health technician and of satisfying all the requirements for reinstatement. A reinstatement application for licensure will be held awaiting completion of such documentation as may be required, but such application shall not be held for a period of time in excess of that specified in rules and regulations.

(c) (1) Each licensee shall notify the board in writing of (A) a change in name or address within 30 days of the change or: (B) a conviction of any felony or misdemeanor, that is specified in rules and regulations adopted by the board, within 30 days from the date the conviction becomes final.

(2) As used in this subsection, "conviction" means a final conviction without regard to whether the sentence was suspended or probation granted after such conviction. Also, for the purposes of this subsection, a forfeiture of bail, bond or collateral deposited to secure a defendant's appearance in court, which forfeiture has not been vacated, shall be equivalent to a conviction. Failure to so notify the board shall not constitute a defense in an action relating to failure to renew a license, nor shall it constitute a defense in any other proceeding.

Sec. 5. K.S.A. 65-1117, 65-1132, 65-1155 and 65-4205 are hereby repealed.

Sec. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the SENATE, and passed that body

President of the Senate.

Secretary of the Senate.

Passed the HOUSE _____

Speaker of the House.

Chief Clerk of the House.

APPROVED _____

Governor.